

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.

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Isaiah

Holy Living

Lesson # 7 Judgment and Mercy

INTRODUCTION

The people of Isaiah's time consulted demons (the occult) for wisdom. **Isa 8:19** Why was that popular then and today? **Dt 18:10-12**

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Read Isaiah 8:1-22

Note: Isaiah married the virgin, and the legal documents were duly witnessed and sealed. He even announced that their first child would be a son and his name would be Maher-shalal-hash-baz, which means "quick to plunder, swift to the spoil." Since Isaiah's sons were signs to the nation (8:18), this name was significant. It spoke of future judgment when Assyria would conquer Syria and invade both Israel and Judah, and when Babylon would take Judah into exile.¹

1. Instead of trusting the Lord (the gently flowing waters of Shiloah – vs. 6) Judah trusted the great river of Assyria to protect them. What did God say would happen to the river? **Vv 7-8**
2. What image does Isaiah use to describe the Lord? **Vs 14. 1 Pet 2:4-7; Rom 9:33**
3. Why do people tend to fear people (and circumstances) more than the Lord? **1 Pet 3:14-15; Ps 46:1**

Read Isaiah 9:1-12:6

Note: If His name is "Wonderful," then there will be nothing dull about His reign! As Counselor, He has the wisdom to rule justly; and as the Mighty God, He has the power to execute His wise plans. "Everlasting Father" does not suggest that the Son is also the Father, for each Person in the Godhead is distinct. "Father of Eternity" is a better translation. Among the Jews, the word "father" means "originator" or "source." For example, Satan is the "father [originator] of lies" (John 8:44). If you want anything eternal, you must get it from Jesus Christ; He is the "Father of eternity."²

4. The redeemer will come from the remnant. How does Isaiah describe him? **Isa 9:2-4, 6-7; Lk 1:78-79; Jn 8:12**
5. What implies that Isaiah is referring to not just the first coming of Christ but His second coming? **Isa 9: 3-7**
6. Like Israel, Judah sinned greatly. Why did He spare Judah? **2 Chron 21:7**
7. How does God feel about those who take advantage of widows and orphans? **Isa 10:1-4; Deut 24:17**
8. What are some examples of the harmony of nature without sin? **Isa 11:6-9; Rom 8:18-25**
9. How can that harmony exist again?
10. Maher-shalal-hash-baz gives a warning of judgment. What does his brother Shear-jashub promise? **Isa 12:1-6** What would they have to do to receive what Shear-jashub promised?

APPLICATION

God's kingdom is in evidence when His will is being followed. He does not want to rule over just heaven, but all of his creation. His people will gladly recognize and accept His judgment and mercy. What might be preventing you from praying **Matt 6:10**?

In the coming of Jesus Christ we have been given the one who fully meets the characteristics of God's deliverer. His wisdom, power, concern, and peace have been demonstrated to all. His kingdom is not a kingdom of the world but a kingdom of the heart entered by faith in him.³

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