

Isaiah Lesson 10 Articles

Chapters 24–27 form a collection of prophecies dealing with the last days. The themes of judgment and God’s reign run through them.

It is very difficult to date these passages. Most interpreters consider them to be a collection of prophecies on a common theme given over a period of time.

The “city of chaos” (v. 24:10, RSV) is not identified. It could be every city. As a result of God’s complete judgment there would be chaos in every city.

Verse 13 suggests the remnant. In “that day” or the “day of the Lord” when God acts decisively there is a twofold aspect: judgment and salvation. God does not move in judgment without at the same time giving opportunity for salvation.

Verses 21–23 points to the new age. The golden age of God’s complete reign figures in these passages.

Truth for today —Judgment is a legitimate aspect of God’s character. Since God is holy and righteous, he has certain demands that must be met.

Sin pollutes people as well as the earth. Sin cannot go on unchecked.

Yet the judgment of God is not simply negative; his desire is to save.¹

When is the appropriate time to praise the Lord (Isa 25:1) Praise the Lord often, regardless of your circumstances. Many people praise the Lord only when something good happens to them or when they receive an unexpected blessing—but the Lord is worthy of our praise at all times, in all circumstances.

We do not praise the Lord on the basis of our circumstances; we praise the Lord on the basis of who He is in the midst of our circumstances.

We do not praise the Lord because of the way we feel; we praise the Lord because of who He is and the way He feels about us.

Don’t limit your praise to the songs you sing at the Sunday church service. Praise the Lord often, in both words and songs that you create spontaneously. All around you, at all times, you can find countless things for which to praise the Lord. Look for those things, and throughout the day voice your heartfelt praise and thanksgiving to God.

When you ride alone in your car, get into an empty elevator, sit alone in your office or work space, or find yourself alone in your home, take every opportunity to voice praise to the Lord for who He is. Praise Him for what He has done through the ages, for what He has done in your life and in the lives of your loved ones, and for what you know without doubt the Lord is doing for you and will do for you both now and throughout all eternity.

You can never run out of things for which to praise the Lord!

When you voice your praise to the Lord, you open yourself up to experiencing the presence of God with you. The Bible tells us that the Lord is “enthroned” in the praises of His people (Ps. 22:3).

The greater your praise, the smaller your problems will appear.

The more frequent your praise, the less you will find yourself with time to worry or feel anxious.

The more you praise the Lord, the more you are going to “see” things worthy of His praise.

As you praise Him, your entire attitude will shift from an unhealthy “I focus” and “problem focus,” to a healthy and joyful “God focus” and “answer focus.” So take a cue from the prophet Isaiah and proclaim: “O LORD, You are my God, I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, for you have done wonderful things; Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth” (Is. 25:1).²

¹ Carter, J. E., & McLeod, P. (1972). Isaiah. In H. F. Paschall & H. H. Hobbs (Eds.), *The teacher’s Bible commentary* (pp. 403–404). Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers.

² Stanley, C. F. (2005). *The Charles F. Stanley life principles Bible: New King James Version* (Is 25:1). Nashville, TN: Nelson Bibles.