

Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 58

**Isaiah 55 – 66, Jeremiah 1 - 5
1 Timothy 5 - 6, 2 Timothy 1 - 3**

Isaiah 55: Seek the Lord while He may be found!

Key Point:

If we seek Him, Messiah will give us bread for the soul that we cannot find at any price except faith. We don't deserve this, but He doesn't think like we do and someday we will rejoice with nature itself.

Key Verse - Isaiah 55:6 – 7 (NLT)

Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. 7 Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously.

Isaiah 56: The Gentile call

Key Point:

God does not reject the foreigner, or anyone who thinks they are less than others. If we fear the Lord, we please Him, and that is better than family or wealth.

Key Verse - Isaiah 56:8 (NLT)

For the Sovereign Lord, who brings back the outcasts of Israel, says: I will bring others, too, besides my people Israel."

Isaiah 57: Sexual idolatry is useless

Key Point:

There may be persecution for the righteous, and open rebellion by unbelievers and hypocrites, but God will be close to those with a humble, contrite spirit.

Key Verse - Isaiah 57:13 (NLT)

Let's see if your idols can save you when you cry to them for help. Why, a puff of wind can knock them down! If you just breathe on them, they fall over! But whoever trusts in me will inherit the land and possess my holy mountain."

Isaiah 58: Real vs religion

Key Point:

God is not interested in religious fervor, if the fervent are hypocrites. Live by what you believe, and your prayers will have a positive effect in your life.

Key Verse - Isaiah 58:6 (NLT)

“No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people.

Isaiah 59: God brings salvation

Key Point:

Living in sin, while trying to manipulate God with prayer and fasting, is a fool’s errand. God sent Messiah to turn the people back, and if you respond to Him, His spirit and word will be within you.

Key Verse - Isaiah 59:16 (NLT)

He was amazed to see that no one intervened to help the oppressed. So he himself stepped in to save them with his strong arm, and his justice sustained him.

Isaiah 60: The Jerusalem of heaven

Key Point:

God will be a light even to the Gentiles, and in the eternal state, He will be our light, our peace, and our eternal joy.

Key Verse - Isaiah 60:1 – 2 (NLT)

“Arise, Jerusalem! Let your light shine for all to see. For the glory of the Lord rises to shine on you. 2 Darkness as black as night covers all the nations of the earth, but the glory of the Lord rises and appears over you.

Isaiah 61: Jesus quotes Isaiah

Key Point:

Our Lord will return as judge and He will usher in a time of gladness and blessing.

Key Verse - Isaiah 61:1 – 2a (NLT)

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. 2 He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord’s favor has come...

Isaiah 62: Israel restored

Key Point:

God has a plan for the Jewish people and the city of Jerusalem that extends into the age of Messiah.

Key Verse - Isaiah 62:1 (NLT)

Because I love Zion, I will not keep still. Because my heart yearns for Jerusalem, I cannot remain silent. I will not stop praying for her until her righteousness shines like the dawn, and her salvation blazes like a burning torch.

Isaiah 63: Messiah in triumph

Key Point:

God is mercy itself, but also justice itself, so at the return of Messiah He will fully execute judgment on His enemies but will also remember His people.

Key Verse - Isaiah 63:1 (NLT)

Who is this who comes from Edom, from the city of Bozrah, with his clothing stained red? Who is this in royal robes, marching in his great strength? "It is I, the Lord, announcing your salvation! It is I, the Lord, who has the power to save!"

Isaiah 64: There is no God like You

Key Point:

God is unique in power and mercy so we should be humble and remember we are creations in His hand.

Key Verse - Isaiah 64:4 (NLT)

For since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him!

Isaiah 65: A kingdom promised for true believers

Key Point:

God will be found by those who look for Him, and in the end He will bless true believers with a kingdom of joy that is difficult to describe because it will be so good.

Key Verse - Isaiah 65:25 (NLT)

The wolf and the lamb will feed together. The lion will eat hay like a cow. But the snakes will eat dust. In those days no one will be hurt or destroyed on my holy mountain. I, the Lord, have spoken!”

Isaiah 66: God’s judgment and restoration are certain**Key Point:**

God is the owner of the universe. He will repay His enemies, and He will restore those who fear Him, no matter where they are found on the earth.

Key Verse - Isaiah 66:1 (NLT)

This is what the Lord says: “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Could you build me a temple as good as that? Could you build me such a resting place?”

Jeremiah 1: A youth yelling**Key Point:**

God qualifies those He calls, and when we stand on God’s word we can be confident God has our back.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 1:7 (NLT)

The Lord replied, “Don’t say, ‘I’m too young,’ for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you.

Jeremiah 2: Broken Cisterns**Key Point:**

God has proven Himself, and anyone who examines history will see it – so where are the gods and philosophies of men to save the day if those things are so good?

Key Verse - Jeremiah 2:13 (NLT)

“For my people have done two evil things: They have abandoned me—the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all!

Jeremiah 3: Treacherous Sister**Key Point:**

God pleads with people to fully repent and return to Him, and those that do can expect the promise of Messiah’s kingdom.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 3:8 (NLT)

She saw that I divorced faithless Israel because of her adultery. But that treacherous sister Judah had no fear, and now she, too, has left me and given herself to prostitution.

Jeremiah 4: Return**Key Point:**

God is willing to forgive and restore, but repentance cannot be lip service – it must a repentance of the heart.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 4:1 (NLT)

“O Israel,” says the Lord, “if you wanted to return to me, you could. You could throw away your detestable idols and stray away no more.

Jeremiah 5: No one great or small**Key Point:**

God’s judgment will not be to an utter end, so that the remnant will consider and see why God has brought judgment and God will then be vindicated.

Key Verse - Jeremiah 5:4 – 5 (NLT)

Then I said, “But what can we expect from the poor? They are ignorant. They don’t know the ways of the Lord. They don’t understand God’s laws. 5 So I will go and speak to their leaders. Surely they know the ways of the Lord and understand God’s laws.” But the leaders, too, as one man, had thrown off God’s yoke and broken his chains.

1 Timothy 5: Provide for your family**Key Point:**

There are prudent principles of church and family management that we are charged before God to follow, and that includes being certain to take care of our own family responsibilities.

Key Verse - 1 Timothy 5:8 (NLT)

But those who won’t care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.

1 Timothy 6: Be content**Key Point:**

Whatever we are called to do in life we should do unto the Lord. We should keep away from divisive speech and greed, and seek contentment knowing what God gives us is enough.

Key Verse - 1 Timothy 6:7 – 8 (NLT)

After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. 8 So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

2 Timothy 1: No spirit of fear

Key Point:

We should stir up the giftings the Lord has given us and be unashamed of the good news about Jesus, even if some people would imprison us for that good news.

Key Verse - 2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 2: Flee lust

Key Point:

Our Christian lives should be pursued like an athlete trains; so endure, avoid distraction, be diligent, flee lust, and don't quarrel.

Key Verse - 2 Timothy 2:22 (NLT)

Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

2 Timothy 3: Inspired

Key Point:

Since evil men will increase, loving themselves and pleasure, we need to cling to the God-breathed Word to make us wise and complete in Christ.

Key Verse - 2 Timothy 3:16 – 17 (NLT)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.