

Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 57
Isaiah 39-54, 2 Thessalonians 1-3, 1 Timothy 1-4

Isaiah 39: Hezekiah shows off

Key Point:

What we think is security can be snatched away in a moment so we must learn to keep our trust firmly place in God, not in physical resources.

Key Verse - Isaiah 39:6 (NLT)

‘The time is coming when everything in your palace—all the treasures stored up by your ancestors until now—will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left,’ says the Lord.

Isaiah 40: Wings like eagles

Key Point:

Our God has no equal. He is the Creator of all things, He has all power and all wisdom. Surely He will strengthen those who fear Him.

Key Verse - Isaiah 40:31 (NLT)

But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

Isaiah 41: I will uphold you

Key Point:

God is shown to be real and true because of the miracles He has done, including prophecy, that no idol or religious leader can do. God has proven Himself.

Key Verse - Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

Isaiah 42: The promised one

Key Point:

God has sent Messiah to BE the covenant for the people and the light to the gentiles so we should sing and shout about His great victory over sin.

Key Verse - Isaiah 42:1 (NLT)

“Look at my servant, whom I strengthen. He is my chosen one, who pleases me. I have put my Spirit upon him. He will bring justice to the nations.

Isaiah 43: I, even I, am the Lord**Key Point:**

God is willing and able to forgive and do great things through people but everyone needs to see that no one can justify themselves in God’s sight so why won’t we honor Him?

Key Verse - Isaiah 43:11 – 13 (NLT)

I, yes I, am the Lord, and there is no other Savior. 12 First I predicted your rescue, then I saved you and proclaimed it to the world. No foreign god has ever done this. You are witnesses that I am the only God,” says the Lord. 13 “From eternity to eternity I am God. No one can snatch anyone out of my hand. No one can undo what I have done.”

Isaiah 44: No other rock**Key Point:**

God has proven Himself true by His miracles and the wonder of Creation tells us of His great power so it is stupidity to worship the work of our own hands.

Key Verse - Isaiah 44:6 (NLT)

But some people have missed this whole point. They have turned away from these things and spend their time in meaningless discussions.

Isaiah 45: Cyrus! Look to me**Key Point:**

God shows by His miracles that He is God and He declares by virtue of that evidence that He ALONE is God, there is no other and all idols are false gods.

Key Verse - Isaiah 45:22 – 23 (NLT)

Let all the world look to me for salvation! For I am God; there is no other. ²³ I have sworn by my own name; I have spoken the truth, and I will never go back on my word: Every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance to me.”

Isaiah 46: End from the beginning**Key Point:**

The false gods will be carted away but God’s knowledge of the future will be proven right and He will bring about His purposes in the end.

Key Verse - Isaiah 46:9 – 10 (NLT)

Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me. 10 Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.

Isaiah 47: Babylon failed to see

Key Point:

God may use pagans to accomplish His purpose but He will not let evil go unpunished.

Key Verse - Isaiah 47:7 (NLT)

You said, ‘I will reign forever as queen of the world!’ You did not reflect on your actions or think about their consequences.

Isaiah 48: Prophecy’s purpose

Key Point:

God is not interested in religious lip service so His prophecies are intended to show that God knows all things. Anyone can see that His promises come true and His judgment is for refining.

Key Verse - Isaiah 48:5 (NLT)

That is why I told you what would happen; I told you beforehand what I was going to do. Then you could never say, ‘My idols did it. My wooden image and metal god commanded it to happen!’

Isaiah 49: Messiah’s mission

Key Point:

Messiah will be the Word of God, called from conception to be a light to the whole earth.

Key Verse - Isaiah 49:15 (NLT)

“Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!

Isaiah 50: Messiah’s resolve

Key Point:

People make their own misery but God is not unable or unwilling to redeem us. Messiah has spoken the words of God and endured misery to save us.

Key Verse - Isaiah 50:7 (NLT)

Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore, I have set my face like a stone, determined to do his will. And I know that I will not be put to shame.

Isaiah 51: God will set things right.**Key Point:**

God's wrath is not the end for those who fear God. His past faithfulness and mighty wonders show that He will redeem so be comforted by this.

Key Verse - Isaiah 51:12 (NLT)

"I, yes I, am the one who comforts you. So why are you afraid of mere humans, who wither like the grass and disappear?"

Isaiah 52: Leaving Babylon**Key Point:**

God knows what His people have endured but He will redeem Israel and exalt Messiah through Messiah's suffering so that even pagan nations will find salvation in Him.

Key Verse - Isaiah 52:14 – 15 (NLT)

But many were amazed when they saw him. His face was so disfigured he seemed hardly human, and from his appearance, one would scarcely know he was a man. 15 And he will startle many nations. Kings will stand speechless in his presence. For they will see what they had not been told; they will understand what they had not heard about.

Isaiah 53: The servant's suffering**Key Point:**

Messiah is the innocent substitute who took upon His shoulders the wrath of God we deserve.

Key Verse - Isaiah 53:5 – 6 (NLT)

But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. 6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.

Isaiah 54: Heritage of the righteous**Key Point:**

After judgment there is God's redemption and He will someday give us the joy of His salvation in peace and prosperity such as we have never known.

Key Verse - Isaiah 54:17 (NLT)

But in that coming day no weapon turned against you will succeed. You will silence every voice raised up to accuse you. These benefits are enjoyed by the servants of the Lord; their vindication will come from me. I, the Lord, have spoken!

2 Thessalonians 1: Judgment is coming**Key Point:**

God is glorified when we face persecution when we walk worthy of His calling by pursuing goodness and faith.

Key Verse - 2 Thessalonians 1:9 (NLT)

They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power.

2 Thessalonians 2: Apostasy comes first**Key Point:**

The Day of the Lord will not come until there has been the great apostasy, the man of sin revealed and the lawlessness played out in the world.

Key Verse - 2 Thessalonians 2:3 (NLT)

Don't be fooled by what they say. For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed—the one who brings destruction.

2 Thessalonians 3: No work = no eats**Key Point:**

We are to be responsible with our lives, follow the example of the apostles and not take advantage of anyone.

Key Verse - 2 Thessalonians 3:10 (NLT)

Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: "Those unwilling to work will not get to eat."

1 Timothy 1: Goal = hope

Key Point:

Don't get caught up in legalistic meaningless discussions – anything that isn't making a difference in helping people live the Christian life.

Key Verse - 1 Timothy 1:5 (NLT)

The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.

1 Timothy 2: One mediator

Key Point:

We should pray, be modest and maintain the structures of authority in the church and home.

Key Verse - 2 Timothy 2:5-6 (NLT)

For, there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. 6 He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone.

1 Timothy 3: The work of overseer

Key Point:

Church leaders should be of high quality, should be evaluated before serving and the principle truths of the good news should be non-negotiable concepts

Key Verse - 1 Timothy 3:1 (NLT)

This is a trustworthy saying: "If someone aspires to be a church leader, he desires an honorable position."

1 Timothy 4: A pastor's calling

Key Point:

People will fall away from the truth, end up with a seared conscience and further end up believing lies and occult teachings so keep your doctrine pure.

Key Verse - 1 Timothy 4:16 (NLT)

Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you.