

Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 55
Isaiah 5 - 22, Philippians 3 - 4, Colossians 1 - 3

Isaiah 5: Vineyard of bitter grapes

Key Point:

God gives people every chance and resource to do good but those who oppress, who live licentiously, the proud, and those who twist morality, will be judged harshly – a judgment that will fall suddenly when it comes.

Key Verse - Isaiah 5:20 (NLT)

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

Isaiah 6: Who will go?

Key Point:

God is in control even when we think our world is falling apart, but our call is to be a witness, knowing there is a remnant of true believers, and that many will ignore God’s call.

Key Verse - Isaiah 6:8 (NLT)

Then I heard the Lord asking, “Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?” I said, “Here I am. Send me.”

Isaiah 7: Won’t ask? He will tell!

Key Point:

God will bring about His will, whether we believe it or not, and oftentimes the prophecies of God have a near and far fulfillment because God is absolutely in control.

Key Verse - Isaiah 7:14 (NLT)

All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).

Isaiah 8: Assyria overflows

Key Point:

When people face attack they should learn to fear the Lord, not the possibility of defeat. We should never resort to the occult, but wait upon the Lord in humility.

Key Verse - Isaiah 8:13 (NLT)

Make the Lord of Heaven's Armies holy in your life. He is the one you should fear. He is the one who should make you tremble.

Isaiah 9: Unto us a child is born**Key Point:**

Messiah is the promise of God – the God-man sent to rule forever, but in the meantime wickedness, oppression, and pride will be judged.

Key Verse - Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 10: Assyria's antagonism avenged**Key Point:**

God may use even pagans to accomplish His will, but an instrument is only as useful as the hand that wields it, so we should never become proud if God uses us.

Key Verse - Isaiah 10:15 (NLT)

But can the ax boast greater power than the person who uses it? Is the saw greater than the person who saws? Can a rod strike unless a hand moves it? Can a wooden cane walk by itself?

Isaiah 11: The kingdom of Messiah**Key Point:**

Under the future worldwide rule of Messiah-Jesus, there will be perfect peace and full harmony of nature.

Key Verse - Isaiah 11:9 (NLT)

Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for as the waters fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with people who know the Lord.

Isaiah 12: Isaiah's praise song**Key Point:**

It is good to praise the Lord, to sing to Him and cry out to Him because He brings salvation even after great judgment.

Key Verse - Isaiah 12:5 (NLT)

Sing to the Lord, for he has done wonderful things. Make known his praise around the world.

Isaiah 13: Vision of Babylon's fall**Key Point:**

The prophecy against Babylon has been literally fulfilled and can be seen today – and since this prophecy is linked to the end times we can have no doubt that God's judgment on this evil world is coming.

Key Verse - Isaiah 13:19 (NLT)

Babylon, the most glorious of kingdoms, the flower of Chaldean pride, will be devastated like Sodom and Gomorrah when God destroyed them.

Isaiah 14: Many fallings**Key Point:**

Prideful kings and nations will find they are as weak as anyone else when judgment comes and their pride is cut down, because no one can resist the will of the one true God.

Key Verse - Isaiah 14:27 (NLT)

The Lord of Heaven's Armies has spoken - who can change his plans? When his hand is raised, who can stop him?"

Isaiah 15: Moabite Lament**Key Point:**

Those who think, in their pride, that they are immune to destruction can be judged by God suddenly.

Key Verse - Isaiah 15:5 (NLT)

My heart weeps for Moab. Its people flee to Zoar and Eglath-selishiyah. Weeping, they climb the road to Luhith. Their cries of distress can be heard all along the road to Horonaim.

Isaiah 16: Three years to a Moabite reckoning**Key Point:**

Pride leads to judgment, even of small countries or what others may consider an insignificant life, but God is merciful to warn.

Key Verse - Isaiah 16:5 (NLT)

then God will establish one of David's descendants as king. He will rule with mercy and truth. He will always do what is just and be eager to do what is right.

Isaiah 17: Damascus downfall**Key Point:**

The history of Israel shows God will preserve His people, even if they must go through judgment. What discipline we face in this life is the same.

Key Verse - Isaiah 17:1 (NLT)

This message came to me concerning Damascus: "Look, the city of Damascus will disappear! It will become a heap of ruins.

Isaiah 18: Beyond Ethiopia**Key Point:**

God is able to handle history without any help, and He will lead some from every tribe and nation to worship Him.

Key Verse - Isaiah 18:1 (NLT)

Listen, Ethiopia—land of fluttering sails that lies at the headwaters of the Nile...

Isaiah 19: Egypt my people**Key Point:**

Even those who formally worshipped false gods and were enemies of God's people can be redeemed and brought near to Him.

Key Verse - Isaiah 19:24 – 25 (NLT)

In that day Israel will be the third, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth. 25 For the Lord of Heaven's Armies will say, "Blessed be Egypt, my people. Blessed be Assyria, the land I have made. Blessed be Israel, my special possession!"

Isaiah 20: Isaiah in the buff**Key Point:**

God is not unwilling to allow serious illustrations in our lives to make His point. It is best to humble ourselves before the Lord rather than be humbled by Him.

Key Verse - Isaiah 20:2 (NLT)

the Lord told Isaiah son of Amoz, “Take off the burlap you have been wearing, and remove your sandals.” Isaiah did as he was told and walked around naked and barefoot.

Isaiah 21: Watch Babylon fall**Key Point:**

Great empires (or people) are not as great as they think they are if pride and arrogance against God is their decision. God will rightly judge even the strongest.

Key Verse - Isaiah 21:6 (NLT)

Meanwhile, the Lord said to me, “Put a watchman on the city wall. Let him shout out what he sees.

Isaiah 22: Tripping Judahites**Key Point:**

A life dedicated to self-interest and self-aggrandizement will be brought low, and those who humble themselves before the Lord will exalted.

Key Verse - Isaiah 22:13 (NLT)

But instead, you dance and play; you slaughter cattle and kill sheep. You feast on meat and drink wine. You say, “Let’s feast and drink, for tomorrow we die!”

Philippians 3: Press on**Key Point:**

There is no point in boasting about temporary achievements in this life. Knowing the Lord, and living a life dedicated to Him, is smarter so we should leave past mistakes behind and live heartily unto the Lord.

Key Verse - Philippians 3: 13 – 14

No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Philippians 4: Think on these things**Key Point:**

We shouldn’t give into anxiousness but should pray, be thankful, and trust that God’s peace and care for our thoughts will come upon us.

Key Verse - Philippians 4: 6 – 8 (NLT)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. 8 And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Colossians 1: Jesus created all**Key Point:**

Jesus is fully Deity, God in human form and by faith in Him we are made holy.

Key Verse - Colossians 1:15 – 16 (NLT)

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, 16 for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.

Colossians 2: Don't be deceived**Key Point:**

We are saved by faith alone, in Christ alone, and set apart to live for Him from the heart, not by legalism because Jesus is the fulness of God in bodily form and we are fully justified by trusting Him.

Key Verse - Colossians 2:8 – 9 (NLT)

Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. 9 For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.

Colossians 3: Do all for Him**Key Point:**

Our Christian lives should be about recovering from our sinful nature and practicing the nature of the new person in Christ – filled with the character of Godliness.

Key Verse - Colossians 3:23 – 24 (NLT)

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. 24 Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.