

Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 56
Isaiah 23 - 28, Colossians 4, 1 Thessalonians 1 - 5

Isaiah 23: Tyre's pride

Key Point:

God's foreknowledge covers all of time so His prophecies will come to pass even if, from our point of view, it seems to take a long time.

Key Verse - Isaiah 23:9 (NLT)

The Lord of Heaven's Armies has done it to destroy your pride and bring low all earth's nobility.

Isaiah 24: Stripping earth

Key Point:

God is longsuffering, giving a chance to any and all to repent, but His judgment will come and the earth itself will be shaken to its foundations when His indignation falls.

Key Verse - Isaiah 24:3 (NLT)

The earth will be completely emptied and looted. The Lord has spoken!

Isaiah 25: Feast of blessings

Key Point:

Judgment is inevitable, but so is the promise of His great reward to those who seek Him. God will make all things right, He will destroy evil, and banish death forever.

Key Verse - Isaiah 25:8 (NLT)

He will swallow up death forever! The Sovereign Lord will wipe away all tears. He will remove forever all insults and mockery against his land and people. The Lord has spoken!

Isaiah 26: Your dead shall live

Key Point:

It is our hope to see resurrection and the glory of our God. We can see by the fulfillment of God's judgment that His promises are true so we can hide in Him as we wait for the indignation to pass.

Key Verse - Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

Isaiah 27: The fruit of Israel**Key Point:**

In the last days, God will destroy the works of the devil and of the world system, so why trust in men today? In the last day, we will all worship God in the holy city.

Key Verse - Isaiah 27:6 (NLT)

The time is coming when Jacob's descendants will take root. Israel will bud and blossom and fill the whole earth with fruit!

Isaiah 28: The cornerstone**Key Point:**

God is smart enough to use different tools in different seasons to reach people who so pervert understanding by drunkenness and over "sophistication" that they blind themselves to the simple message of God.

Key Verse - Isaiah 28:16 (NLT)

Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken.

Isaiah 29: Blind disobedience**Key Point:**

We dare not denigrate God into something we think we can control, as if the clay has the same value as the potter.

Key Verse - Isaiah 29:16 (NLT)

How foolish can you be? He is the Potter, and he is certainly greater than you, the clay! Should the created thing say of the one who made it, "He didn't make me"? Does a jar ever say, "The potter who made me is stupid"?

Isaiah 30: Walk in it**Key Point:**

Those who despise God's word, wanting only what they desire to hear, will come to despair; but if people will repent they can find blessing – even in the midst of judgment.

Key Verse - Isaiah 30:21 (NLT)

Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, "This is the way you should go," whether to the right or to the left.

Isaiah 31: Don't trust the flesh**Key Point:**

God is greater than all nations, all military might, and He will defend His people to bring about His will in His time.

Key Verse - Isaiah 31:3 (NLT)

For these Egyptians are mere humans, not God! Their horses are puny flesh, not mighty spirits! When the Lord raises his fist against them, those who help will stumble, and those being helped will fall. They will all fall down and die together.

Isaiah 32: Down, then up again**Key Point:**

Even in judgment, God holds out His promise of better times and better rulers. Knowing this, those who are indulgent today should listen and repent.

Key Verse - Isaiah 32:15 (NLT)

...until at last the Spirit is poured out on us from heaven. Then the wilderness will become a fertile field, and the fertile field will yield bountiful crops.

Isaiah 33: Hear what God has done?**Key Point:**

God will make all things right. People will pray to Him, will praise Him, and will know of His great deeds.

Key Verse - Isaiah 33:13 (NLT)

Listen to what I have done, you nations far away! And you that are near, acknowledge my might!"

Isaiah 34: The last battle**Key Point:**

The world of men is put on notice that His judgment will come with great fury and not one of His prophecies will fail to come to pass.

Key Verse - Isaiah 34:2 (NLT)

For the Lord is enraged against the nations. His fury is against all their armies. He will completely destroy them, dooming them to slaughter.

Isaiah 35: The lame shall leap**Key Point:**

God's judgment is a purging to set the stage for restoration. God will restore, rebuild and bless.

Key Verse - Isaiah 35:4 (NLT)

Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you."

Isaiah 36: Sennacherib's taunt**Key Point:**

Those who do not know the Lord will pretend they speak for Him or have control over Him when they want to cause fear and discomfort to His servants.

Key Verse - Isaiah 36:20 (NLT)

What god of any nation has ever been able to save its people from my power? So what makes you think that the Lord can rescue Jerusalem from me?"

Isaiah 37: Sennacherib's fall**Key Point:**

When your challenge is toward God Himself, make no mistake – God is not mocked and He will have the last word against His enemies.

Key Verse - Isaiah 37:26 (NLT)

"But have you not heard? I decided this long ago. Long ago I planned it, and now I am making it happen. I planned for you to crush fortified cities into heaps of rubble.

Isaiah 38: Hezekiah is healed**Key Point:**

God can heal, God can do anything, and God can decide to do things through medicine too. One way or another, God is in control.

Key Verse - Isaiah 38:5 (NLT)

“Go back to Hezekiah and tell him, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of your ancestor David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will add fifteen years to your life...

Colossians 4: Be in prayer**Key Point:**

We should be consistent in prayer, with gratitude while taking the time we have seriously.

Key Verse - Colossians 4:2 (NLT)

Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

1 Thessalonians 1: Be imitators**Key Point:**

When we respond to the good news about Jesus, the change in our lives can have a profound impact on the faith of others.

Key Verse - 1 Thessalonians 1:6 (NLT)

So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 2: Walk worthy**Key Point:**

Ministers of the good news should prove by labor the honesty of their calling and be an example of Godly living.

Key Verse - 1 Thessalonians 2:12 (NLT)

We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 3: Longing to be with them**Key Point:**

We should not be surprised when we suffer persecution, but let us pray that we will stand fast and love one another despite opposition.

Key Verse - 1 Thessalonians 3:1 (NLT)

Finally, when we could stand it no longer, we decided to stay alone in Athens...

1 Thessalonians 4: We will be caught up**Key Point:**

We have the hope of the rapture and resurrection, so let's live by the teachings and example of the apostles and comfort each other with this hope.

Key Verse - 1 Thessalonians 4:16 – 17 (NLT)

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. 17 Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.

1 Thessalonians 5: A thief in the night**Key Point:**

Since we don't know when the sudden, unexpected return of Jesus may be, let's live well, be thankful and in prayer, and test everything to know what teaching is good to hold on to.

Key Verse - 1 Thessalonians 5:2 (NLT)

For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.