

## Study Guide: Isaiah – Longing for Home – Isaiah 42:18–25

### Observation – What does the text say?

1. What images does Isaiah use to describe God’s people in verses 18–20?
2. How does God identify His people in verse 19, even while calling out their disobedience?
3. What does verse 21 reveal about God’s purpose in giving His Law?
4. What consequences of Israel’s disobedience are listed in verses 22–25?
5. Who is described as bringing these consequences upon Israel (v. 24–25)?

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### Interpretation – What does it mean?

6. What is the “now and the not yet” of prophecy, and how does it apply to Isaiah’s message?
7. How is Israel’s exile both a historical reality and a spiritual picture?
8. In what way does the Law reflect God’s original design in the Garden of Eden?
9. How do the commands of the Law point forward to the life we will experience in heaven?
10. Why does God call His people “deaf” and “blind”? What kind of deafness and blindness is He addressing?
11. How does Israel’s hypocrisy mirror Paul’s struggle in Romans 7?
12. How does Hebrews 12 help us understand the role of God’s discipline in this passage?

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### Application – How does it apply to us today?

13. In what areas of life are you tempted to live more like the “now” of the world than the “not yet” of heaven?
14. How does knowing the promise of heaven (the not yet) strengthen you to walk in obedience today (the now)?
15. What does it look like in your daily life to allow the hope of heaven to influence your decisions, priorities, and relationships?
16. Where do you sense God’s loving discipline in your life right now? How can you respond to it in humility and faith?
17. What practical step can you take this week to move from hypocrisy toward holiness — letting your identity as a child of God shape your actions?