

# THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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## “What Is Real? What Is Relevant? – Part 3”

Discovering the Salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Prophecies of Isaiah

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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It’s all about **Justice & Truth** in the land

**Psalm 89:14**

**Righteousness** and **justice** are the foundation of your throne;  
mercy and truth go before your face.

**Ecclesiastes 3:17**

I said in my heart, “God shall judge the **righteous** and the **wicked**,  
for there is a time for every purpose and for every work.”

### What Is Real? What Is Relevant?

1.) We need to look into the mirror

vs. 3-8

He rebukes the nations for them having abandoned Him.

### What Is Real? What Is Relevant?

2.) We need to look around us

vs. 9-15a

**9** Therefore **justice** is far from us, nor does **righteousness** overtake us; we  
look for **light**, but there is darkness! For **brightness**, but we walk in blackness!

**10** We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes...

When you decide to depart from truth,  
“to know what’s right and to ignore it”, you begin a journey that is  
downward in every conceivable way.

### Deuteronomy 4:9

Only **take heed to yourself**, and **diligently keep yourself**, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And **teach them** to your **children** and your **grandchildren**,

Can I be very honest – the American / Christian home has forgotten to do this.  
And it will not turn out good for us...

### Isaiah 55:6-7a

**Seek** the Lord while He may be found, **Call** upon Him while He is near. **7** (this is what the Bible says that we're to be doing – telling the wicked) **Let** the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; **let** him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him;

### Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. **8** For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

“Sow a thought, reap an action; sow an action, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny.”  
- *Stephen R. Covey*

### Verse 9

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### Before Israel's Exodus – It had to get darker in Egypt

#### Exodus 10:21-22

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt.” **22** So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.

### The Future for the Unbelieving

#### Revelation 16:10-11

Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. **11** They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

### Verse 10

We grope for the wall **like the blind**, and we grope as if we had **no eyes**...  
we stumble at noonday as at twilight; we are as dead men in desolate places.

**Matthew 6:22-23**

“The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. **23** But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

**Verse 11-12**

**11** We all growl like bears, and moan sadly like doves; we look for **justice**, but there is none; for **salvation**, but it is far from us. **12** For our transgressions are multiplied before You, and our **sins** testify against us; for our **transgressions** are with us, and as for our **iniquities**, we know them:

As dark as this is – and it is, this the **atmosphere for revival**

**Earlier in chapter 59 we learned about the confession**  
of sin both for the unbeliever and for the believer.

**Numbers 32:23c**

Be sure your sin will find you out.

**Verse 13-15a**

**13** In **transgressing** and **lying** against the Lord, and **departing** from our God, **speaking** oppression and revolt, **conceiving** and **uttering** from the heart words of **falsehood**. **14** **Justice** is turned back, and **righteousness** stands afar off; for **truth** is fallen (wounded) in the street, and **equity** cannot enter (is not allowed) . **15a** So (when) truth fails, and he who departs from evil (repents) makes himself a prey (a target, one persecuted).

**2 Thessalonians 1:6-10**

Since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, **7** and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, **8** in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, **10** when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

In your life and mine – will this be able to be said of us?  
**“because our testimony among you was believed.”**

**What Is Real? What Is Relevant?**

3.) We need to look to Him

vs. 15b-21

**15b** Then the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice.

**16a** He saw that there **was no man**, and wondered that there **was no intercessor**;

**The Truth is Never:**

God is not “**updated**” by the church on how to do ministry. He’s not being educated by “**political correctness**” nor “**conventional wisdom**” ...

**THE JUDGEMENT COMING REGARDING ABORTION**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZXQBhTszpU&fbclid=IwAR0NI0hW3TfdaSrpwZ26mFRcxV4tf4nJmh\\_1PoL4sCa-mlfKFRwyc-Fp3ig](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZXQBhTszpU&fbclid=IwAR0NI0hW3TfdaSrpwZ26mFRcxV4tf4nJmh_1PoL4sCa-mlfKFRwyc-Fp3ig)

But our prayerlessness must astound the angels.  
Our infrequent cries for help must offend the Lord.

“A man who kneels before God will stand before men and a man who is intimate with God will never be intimidated by men.”

**- Leonard Ravenhill**

**Verse 16b-17**

**16b** therefore **His own arm** brought **salvation** for Him; and His own **righteousness**, it sustained Him. **17** For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

There is no doubt here that Paul took from Isaiah this reading and presented it to the Ephesians (Ephesians 6:10-19)

Isaiah now shifts gears, taking us to the day of  
Jesus Christ’s Second Coming

**Verse 18**

**18** According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, fury to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; the coastlands He will fully repay....

**After the Second Coming, the Remnant of Israel is Restored.**

**Romans 11:25-27**

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel **until** the fullness (the salvation within the church age) of the Gentiles has come in. **26** And so **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written: “*The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;* **27** *For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.*”

## Verse 19-20

....**19** So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun (east); **when the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.** **20** “The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,” Says the Lord.

## Verse 21

:**21** “As for Me,” says the Lord, “This is **My covenant** with them: **My Spirit** who is upon you, and **My words** which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants’ descendants,” says the Lord, “from this time and forevermore.”

### Jeremiah 31:31-33

“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah - **32** not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. **33** But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

## I love how Paul here quotes Isaiah and calls him “Isaiah” hello!

### Romans 9:27-28

**Isaiah** (from Isaiah 10) also cries out concerning Israel: “*Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the* (yet only) remnant will be saved. **28** For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, because the Lord will make a short work upon the earth.”

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**A special “thank you” to all who have been with us in the book of Isaiah as tonight is our 4 year anniversary**

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