

## The Book of Isaiah Trusting God More #4

The outline is taken from Melissa Spoelstra's book, *Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting More*.

Review of Lesson 2

Objective: To understand following God isn't about striving; it's about trusting God more. Big Idea for lesson #3: We can trust God because He is with us.

We ended last week having read the prophecy of Emmanuel coming (Isaiah 7: 14).

Discussion: What does "God is with us" mean to you today considering whatever circumstances you are facing?

Think for a moment about the invasions we discussed in the opening verses of chapter 7. Isaiah warned Judah about the impending invasion from Assyria.

What invasion are you currently dealing with in your personal life? Again, how does Isaiah 7:14 speak to you?

Read Isaiah 8:22. The invasion would be terrible for the people of God (the Jews).

Here are our assurances:

No matter what's going on in our lives, we can trust that Immanuel is with us.

Read the fulfillment of Matthew 1:21-23. What does hearing fulfillment say to you as a believer and student of the Word? Notice how the verses gave greater insight into God's Word. The message was clear in Matthew's day, and ours: God is with us!

Read the uniqueness of Isaiah 9:1-7.

Note the use of past tense verbs. Isaiah had trust in God, and he spoke as though it had already happened. From the NIV, you hear:

2- have seen a great light,

2b- a light has dawned

3-enlarged the nation

3b-increased their joy.

3- rejoice

4- have scattered

5- will be destined for burning

What promise do we hear in verse 6? How could he use the past tense when the child was not born yet. Notice, Isaiah said a child IS given.

What is active faith?

Read Romans 4:17. How can we call those things that be not as though they were? Isaiah believed Jesus was coming!

Read Isaiah 9:1-3.

What was the name of the region that would be filled with glory in the future?

- o What would the people see in verse 1-2?
- o What would be broken in verse 4?
- o What are the names given for the child in verse 6?

Read Isaiah 9: 4-7. "As the day in Midian..." This refers to Gideon's great victory over Midian in Judges 7. This is the same kind of victory Jesus would bring. Isaiah saw the battle as over! How?

How are you viewing your current situation?

What does it take for us to see the battle as already completed?

Read each one and share what it says to you:

- o Wonderful, Counselor (Note the KJV places a comma between the word wonderful and counselor. The NIV states, "wonderful counselor.")

FYI- In the original Hebrew, the two words are separated. Wonderful in Hebrew is pele' (H6382) which means unusual or extraordinary. Counselor in the Hebrew is ya'as (H3289) which means to advise or give counsel.

- o Mighty God. o Everlasting Father o Prince of Peace

Put a mark beside the way you need Him on TODAY!

Why did you choose that name?

Take home?