

## The Book of Isaiah Trusting God More #5

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

Review of previous Lesson

Objective: To understand following God isn't about striving; it's about trusting God more. Big Idea for lesson #5: We can trust God's plan for us even when He is angry.

Opening Discussion: How can we understand how God's anger can work for our good?

The next chapter we will cover is chapter 10. Before we move to chapter 10, we will study the wrath of God in the latter part of chapter 9. It seems strange that after this burst of joy found in 9:6, we come to chapter 10 verse 4. Isaiah now returns to the condition of the northern kingdom. What were they doing?

You are right. They were vaunting themselves. Why do we look to ourselves instead of God or give credit to ourselves when it should be given to God?

Define the word pride:

What does the Bible say about pride is Proverbs 11:2, Proverbs 16:5, Proverbs 16:16-19, Matthew 23:12.

Why do you think pride is detestable to God?

Read verses 9: 8-12 and discuss God's anger and judgement.

Now, read 18-21 where we read more of God's judgement against them. Did they bring this upon themselves?

Read verse 19 again. "Through the wrath of the Lord of hosts is the land darkened Famine and pestilence were a result of the wrath of God. Rather than turning to God and seeking forgiveness, they blamed one another.

Manasseh turned upon Ephraim  
Ephraim turned upon Manasseh  
Both turned upon Judah

All of this was the sad result of forsaking God. The chapter closes with verses 12, 17 and 21. We hear the wrath of God repeated for the third time.

Chapter 10 opens with another woe pronounced regarding their pride and selfishness.

Read verses 1-2.

Read verses 3-4 describe the warning of the day of reckoning.

Discuss: "...his hand is stretched out."

Read 5-12. God shows up and He uses the Assyrians to accomplish what He wants.

What would the Assyrians learn from this experience?

What can we learn from this experience?

How would this bring the God's people back to Him?

In verses 13-19, we understand:

Assyria did not understand that God was using them.

They vaunted themselves against God and He accomplished His purpose through them. God was using them as an ax in His hand.

Look at verse 20-23.

Did you hear it?

- In the day of God's triumph, He will vindicate the remnant in Israel. o The Word of God will be fulfilled concerning His promises. ● He will punish His people for their sins.
- He would never break His covenant with them--- a covenant first made with Abraham and confirmed to David.

In clear and definite terms, Isaiah prophesied the overthrow of the enemy. Isaiah foretold the path that the Assyrians would take as they marched through Palestine.

What happened when the Lord of Host intervened?

Take home?