

The Book of Isaiah

Trusting God More #9

Some of the outlines are taken from Melissa Spoelstra's book, *Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting More*.

Review of previous Lesson: The judgement of Babylon and the fall of Lucifer-God promised His people rest!

Objective: To understand following God isn't about striving; it's about trusting God more.

Opening Discussion: Read Luke 24:44 KJV (And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things **must** be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me).

- Discuss the word **must**.
- How does fulfilled prophecy increase your faith?

God describes and condemns their deeds! All these chapters cover the impending judgement of other nations.

Read Isaiah 14:24-27

This is an example of the pattern of judgment for each nation. They are called oracles. The prophetic words announce the judgement of God. These things **must** happen!

Chapters 14-23 are about Judah's neighbors. Who were they?

- 13-14 Prophecy against Babylon
- 14- Prophecy against Assyria
- 14- Prophecy against Philistia
- 15-16- Prophecy against Moab
- 17- Prophecy against Damascus/Ephraim
- 18- Prophecy against Cush
- 19- Prophecy against Egypt
- 20- Prophecy against Egypt and Crush
- 21- Prophecy against Babylon -Edom -Arabia
- 22- Prophecy against The Valley of Vision (This is about God's people).
- 23- Prophecy against Tyre

Why do you think God wants us to hear these oracles (today)?

What is the overall theme of all the oracles?

GOD HATES IDOLATRY!

Read Exodus 20:3-5 KJV

Discuss: Exodus 20:5, "...for I the Lord your God am a jealous God..."

What does it mean that God is jealous?

All these nations were committing some form of idolatry! Idolatry is at the heart of all of these prophetic condemnations. So, we learn what God hates and avoid doing what God hates.

In 2024, how do we avoid idolatry?

What are some examples of idolatry in 2024?

- Who do we worship?
- What do we worship?

Revisit Isaiah 10:10. What is the significance?

How do the prophecies of the destruction of other nations serve as a warning to Israel?
How do the prophecies of the destruction of other nations serve as a warning to us?

What should we ask? Who was punished and why were they punished?
Revisit how God set the stage in Isaiah 1:4-6. Did you hear the word woe?

What did God want them to do? Read Isaiah 1:16-19.
What action verbs did you hear?

What does "if you are willing and obedient mean"?

Did you hear God promise the "fat of the land?" God promised them the fat of the land.

YOU CANNOT SAVE YOURSELF FROM GOD'S JUDGEMENT!

What will need to be done in order to survive? They would have to TRUST the Lord's plan for salvation? When you hear that word salvation who comes to mind?

How would the judgment of all these nations lead to Christ? God's plan was revealed in Isaiah 7:14.

Take home?