

# Let's Worship God

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## **Monday - Isaiah 26:16-19 - Promise of Resurrection**

In verse 16, who is 'they'? Well, we must look back a verse or two. It is the nation for whom God established peace, the nation that has been increased, or at least has the promise of increase, the nation through whom God is and will be glorified. But the people of God had not gotten to that point yet. If you look at your Bible history, you will see that the people of God were not doing all that great at this point in which Isaiah wrote. There had been, for the people of Israel and for the land of Judah, trouble and chastening. The people of Isaiah's day would see more of it. In verse 16, the people of God poured out a prayer when God's discipline was upon them. Their reaction was exactly, by His grace, the proper reaction. God worked in them, so that difficulty did not drive them away and embitter them.

What is the trouble that we see in verses 17 and 18? God uses the picture of a woman whose time has come to have a baby. Isaiah is talking about all the effort that the godly put into trying to be godly. And it did them no good. They've been working hard but working in their own strength. And what has happened? They work, they labour, they go through great pains, and they have nothing.

They tried to avoid trouble with all the different nations. They not only made different military and commercial alliances, but they also went after foreign gods. They even burned up some of their own children, burned them alive to make these false gods happy. All their work, all their pain, all their suffering was ultimately vain and useless. So what hope was there for them? Why, the hope is found in verse 19.

Here is the deliverance that Jehovah brings. They were dead in their trespass and sins, dead spiritually, and many of them dead physically. But they who were the true Israel of God, they who were looking forward to the coming of One Who was pictured by the priests, sacrifices, and the temple, they who looked to the One prophesied by the prophets, they who looked to Him had a promise here, a precious promise. God's people shall live figuratively and literally with a promise here of resurrection for them.

### **Questions**

1. How did the people of God react when God's discipline came upon them?
2. What promise is in verse 19?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that discipline would make us turn to Christ not away from Him.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

Or let them lay hold of my protection, let them make peace with me, let them make peace with me. Isaiah 27:5

**Praise: Psalm 122 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Tuesday - Isaiah 26:20-21 - Safe in Disaster**

In verses 20 and 21, we have notice to the people of God that, though this deliverance is coming, there is trouble intervening. The Assyrian, at the time this was written, had not come in yet, and it would be 150 years or more before the Babylonians would come and exile the people, destroying the temple and Israel's full independence. All of that was yet to come. And there would yet be difficulty from the Greeks, and later the Romans, until Christ's coming. So, there would be difficulty and trouble. The people of God would be supported by the promises they'd already been given. These things would support them as they hunkered down in the storm that was about to come. In that storm, they would need to hide. Implied here is a prayer of deliverance, and a confession of sin, as well as a looking to Jesus Christ. Because if, somehow, you plan to stand outside thinking that you are good enough, and God will not harm you, or that somehow your trust in your wealth or position will deliver you, it won't. No, you need to see that you are a great sinner, subject to God's wrath. You need to cry out to him confessing your sin. You need to cry out to Him that He would save you for Jesus' sake. Be hidden in Jesus Christ!

Now in the midst of trouble and in the midst of hardship, things seem to take forever. When we're incapacitated on a bed of sickness, when we're debilitated by overwhelming pain, when we are abandoned by friends, things drag. But a time is coming when our dead bodies will be raised with Christ. We who are in Christ will be in eternity, free from pain, free from affliction, free from loneliness, free from our wickedness and sin. Then what has happened here in our life now shall seem as nothing. That's why God speaks of it as being but a short time.

There is difficulty in this life for us and for the people of God now. But even now, just as he was in Isaiah's, day, Christ is using this difficulty for His glory and for our blessing. He covers us and brings us through, sometimes in ways that we can see coming and other times in ways we'd have never expected. But he had planned all along to show that our deliverance was not of ourselves. It was totally in Him, totally by Him, and totally for His glory. Through Him, then, if we are in Jesus Christ, just as the people of God in Isaiah's day, we are safe in disaster.

### **Questions**

1. What trouble was to come?
2. What promises do we have to see us through?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that you would hide yourself in Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

Or let them lay hold of my protection, let them make peace with me, let them make peace with me. Isaiah 27:5

**Praise: Psalm 123 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Wednesday - Isaiah 27:1-4 - Judgement on Enemies**

We see the judgment of the church's enemy particularly in verses 1 and 4. This is talking about the fact that Jehovah does indeed judge the wicked, and He takes them out of the earth. No matter how clever they might be, no matter how strong they may be, no matter how many their friends, no matter how many their weapons, God judges them. He may allow them, for his good purposes, to arise for a time. But it is so that, in the proper time, He can show His own glory.

So who gets this judgment of God? We see here Leviathan in verse 1 and the thorns in verse 4. What is Leviathan? That English word that we read here is from the Hebrew word that basically means a sea serpent, a great and powerful animal of some sort that lived in the sea. There have been different ways of understanding what kind of animal this might be. No one really knows. But the Leviathan is a picture of something here. Many commentators believe that Leviathan is referring to Egypt, the one who had enslaved Israel, and the one who was a country that was a constant temptation to Israel to flee to for help instead of to the LORD. Many commentators believe that this is referring to Assyria. Assyria, who, at this time, was ready to strike in any direction to make itself grander and more powerful. Many other commentators believe that this is Babylon. Babylon, who would take the people from God's land. There's a further thought here that I would have you consider, and that's this - judgment comes upon these places because of their refusal to yield to the truth that is in God's Word, their refusal to yield to Jehovah. The thorns in verse 4 seek to assert themselves in defiance against the Lord. They are burned to pieces, and great, powerful, dangerous Leviathan is destroyed. That judgment was not only for Isaiah's time. It was not only for Old Testament time. It was not only for Bible time. It is for all time. It continues now under the hand of Prince Messiah against all the enemies of His beloved bride. There are great enemies even yet. But they're only allowed to go so far. And at the proper time, God will take them in hand and destroy them. King Jesus protects his beloved bride.

### **Questions**

1. Why does God let His enemies grow in strength?
2. What is a Leviathan?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks that God protects His people.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

Or let them lay hold of my protection, let them make peace with me, let them make peace with me. Isaiah 27:5

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## Thursday - Isaiah 27:1-6 - Mercy

You see here in verses 2 and 3 a different picture. The church is God's vineyard, and He cares for it. God makes his people to be fruitful. Just as a vineyard doesn't happen to be there by accident, the Church of God is created by God's loving and gracious will. But God doesn't start it out and then just leave it. No, He sustains it by that same holy and gracious will. God continues to take care of you, Christian. God continues to take care of you, Church of Jesus Christ. Just as the owner of a vineyard keeps it safe and secure, God keeps you safe and secure. There are many promises in the Scripture about that (Romans 8:31). This safety and security is constant. And that's a good thing because we read the apostle Peter telling us in 1 Peter 5:8 that our greatest enemy, the devil, is constantly prowling about us like a dangerous lion seeking to eat us up. We don't need to be scared of that lion because God constantly takes care of us!

Look here in verse 5, what God says to do. 'Stop being fools that are afraid of me. Stop being fools who hate me. Grab hold of me. Seek to make peace with me.' And how do we have peace with God? We read in Romans 5:1, that being justified by faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, we have peace with God. Here is a gracious invitation to any of you who will listen. Jesus Christ is our peace.

Lastly, you see a promise here in verse 6. And it's kind of a consequence of God's judgment of his enemies and His mercy to his people. Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the world. Who is this Israel? All the people of God in all ages. There are those who think that the Church is doomed, that the Church must become unfaithful. But that's not what the Scriptures teach. We see here the Church grows to fill the world. This isn't the only place in Scripture that says this (Daniel 2:30-45; Isaiah 11:9; Habakkuk 2:14; Matthew 13:31-33). Surely in Jesus Christ the wicked will not always prosper. The wicked shall be brought more and more to justice, and more and more God's mercy to his people shall shine forth.

### Questions

1. How does God take care of us?
2. What promise is there in verse 6?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for God's loving care of you.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

Or let them lay hold of my protection, let them make peace with me, let them make peace with me. Isaiah 27:5

**Praise:** Psalm 125 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.

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## Friday - Isaiah 27:7-9 -Mercy in Judgement

We've been looking at glorious promises for the people of God. But the fact remains That, although the true Israel of God had and still has these promises, a time of threshing and winnowing had to come first. Even in the time of Isaiah there was to be terrible warfare. But even beyond that, there would be exile and the destruction of the Temple. The anguish, the hurt, the terror that false professors and hypocrites and fake Israel suffered were shared in so many ways by believers as well.

Why would this happen to the people of God? Here in verse 9, there's a reason for it. They built up altars to false gods. There was sin in those who called themselves the people of God. And it needed judgment. It needed affliction. It needed difficulty. It needed discipline. Those who were circumcised in the body but uncircumcised in heart, they needed to be removed, just like chaff from the wheat. And even those who were the true Israel of God needed sanctifying discipline to make them more holy and more like the One in Whom they trusted and to Whom they looked, Who would come someday to take away their sin.

Not everybody who claims to be a Christian really is one. Sometimes that's obvious, but sometimes it isn't so. They may outwardly look, and act, and talk like one. But over the course of time, it becomes obvious that they never really were. They were putting on an act. They maybe really thought they were for a little while, but the truth comes out. There are many people today like that, and there were many in Isaiah's time. They were marked with the sign of the covenant, but inwardly their hearts were not changed. That is what God is doing - getting rid of the chaff of fake believers, getting rid of the hypocrites, and what is left will be purified through a time of difficulty.

This judgment that's spoken of is not something that is just for the people of God in Isaiah's time. It is for the people of God in all times, because even now there are still false believers. Even now there is sin within the true people of God. Even now the Church of Jesus Christ still has spots and blemishes that need to be cleansed. And even now there are those who would seek to distress us. But all things are in the hand of Christ. He still loves and always shall love His bride. He shall be making her clean, spotless, pure, and shall deal with the wicked who hate His people.

### Questions

1. What does affliction do to fake Christians?
2. What does affliction do to real Christians?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for Christ's love of His Church.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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## **Saturday - Isaiah 27:10-13 - Glorious Truths**

In these last four verses there are some great promises. The nations seem clever, rich, and powerful to all who oppose them. But their great power is shattered. Their great numbers are no more. Why would this time of judgment come to the nations? It's because of sin. And what is that sin? It is their proud elevation of themselves. They have put down what knowledge they had of the living and true God that comes from inside themselves, with being part of the image of God, and outside themselves, with the creation all around that declares to them the glory of God (Romans 1). The knowledge is there, but they keep trying to beat it down. Is that the end of the story? For those who persist in ungodliness, yes, that is the end of the story. Is that the end of the story for all the nations and all the pagans? No. God brings in his elect from many nations and incorporates them into the Church. (Isaiah 19:23-25; Psalm 87; John 10:16; Romans 11) There will be one flock and one shepherd, one people of God, drawn not merely from the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, but from all nations, making up the one true Israel of God. There are those among the nations who had been dead in sin, who had been lost in the darkness of iniquity, but they are brought by triumphant grace to worship the living and true God through Jesus Christ by means of the affliction that God brings upon the nations, and that God brings upon his people.

## **Question**

1. What promises are in these verses?
2. Does man have knowledge of God?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

Or let them lay hold of my protection, let them make peace with me, let them make peace with me. Isaiah 27:5

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Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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