

# Let's Worship God

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## **Monday - Isaiah 32:1-2 - A Godly King**

After all this talk of judgment and of discipline, God now has some words of promise here. There are words of judgment as well, but we begin this chapter by looking at the godly kingdom. We see, first, who is ruling. These verses may have some immediate reference to Hezekiah, who was a godly man, but he was not ultimately the One to whom this is looking. This looks beyond Hezekiah to the King who reigns even now, the Lord Jesus Christ. Here in the second part of verse one, the princes rule with justice. It speaks of those who are given delegated authority by the Lord Jesus Christ. Could this be speaking of the kings of the earth who yield themselves in covenant to the great King, the Lord Jesus Christ? It could well be! For we see that kings are commanded, are urged to yield allegiance to Him. And we see that nations, the kingdoms of this earth, shall become the kingdoms of our God and of our Christ, who reigns forever. This King, the Lord Jesus Christ, reigns in righteousness. Man's rule so often, even in the most godly, is characterized by sinful mistakes, foolish judgments, and limitations. But this King has none of these. His reign is truly righteous. It is just. He is willing, and He is able to execute justice to the uttermost. He is wise beyond any mere man. He knows all, and He is able to do all that justice requires.

In verse 2, we see the effect of such a rule. We see him being the hiding place from the wind. The wind in Israel could be hot and dry and wither everything. Protection from that was a great blessing. We see Him as being a shelter from the storm. But He is not only protection, He is refreshing, as we see in the second part of verse 2, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock within a weary land. That is Jesus. He is the One Who, for His people, provides the shelter from the heat and the oppression that is about in the world. He refreshes the downcast and the despairing.

## **Questions**

1. Who is the godly king?
2. What is the effect of His rule?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks that Christ is our shelter.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust for ever. Isaiah 32:17

**Praise:** Psalm 2 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.

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## **Tuesday - Isaiah 32:3-4 - Spiritual Illumination**

In verses 3 and 4, we see rather a progression and a contrast. Remember in Isaiah 6 Isaiah was told the people would not hear or see or understand. But now a time is coming when the eyes should be opened, the ears unstopped, the heart conformed, and the tongue bursting forth in praise.

The eyes of those who see will not be dim. They won't be merely looking, but they really will perceive. In particular, they will be looking to the Saviour, the King Whom God is providing. They shall look to Him and live. The ears of those who hear will heed. The understanding would be enlightened that had been in darkness (Psalm 43:3; Psalm 119:18; 1 Corinthians 2:6ff). With the eyes suddenly looking to this King, with the ears, by His grace enabled to hear and heed, the heart, of course, is transformed. And out of the heart, the mouth speaks, the tongue is suddenly transformed. It becomes an instrument of God's glory, as praise is given to Him and witness is made of His glorious Person and wonderful works to the children of men.

How does this all come about? What is the source of all this transformation? The means is God's Word. (Psalm 119:18, 105) God's Word brings this about as the Spirit of God works in it. He is the One Who is behind it, and before it, and with it. He is the One Who has given us God's Word, this Word which transforms us, and He is the One Who uses it in the hearts of the elect, in the hearts of those for whom Christ has lived and died and been raised again, which leads me to say that it is God, the Son, as well. He is the source, He Who is the King spoken of here, He Who has loved us and has given Himself for us, He Who now rules at the right hand of His Father (John 1:4-5, 9). He not only is the One to whom we look, but He is the One Who gives us the spiritual light to see. And then ultimately, it is in the decree, the sovereign, wise, and gracious plan of God in eternity. God the Father is the ultimate source. He is the One who has chosen us from before the foundation of the world, as we see in such places as Ephesians 1:4, 11. Now, emphatically, the source of this blessing is not man. No, all this comes about by God's grace, by the wisdom of the triune God. It was devised in eternity by the Father, accomplished by Christ, and is applied through His Word, by the Spirit today. This is how this spiritual illumination comes about.

### **Questions**

1. What happens when we truly understand what God has done?
2. How does spiritual illumination come about?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the salvation of friends and family.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust for ever. Isaiah 32:17

**Praise: Psalm 3 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Wednesday - Isaiah 32:5-6 - The Fool**

We just saw, in the first four verses, this prediction of the King Who was coming. As the King comes to reign in righteousness, He brings to light the way things really are. People, of themselves, don't do that. People try to portray themselves as what they aren't. The wicked try to justify themselves. The wicked try to make themselves and their ideas look pretty good. And they try to take those who are godly, who are the blessing in this earth, and portray them as bigoted, foolish, or outright dangerous. But as the King comes, He shows the true character of people.

The fool is spoken of here in the first part of verse five and in verse six. He speaks maybe glibly, maybe attractively, maybe smoothly and inspiringly. But when it comes down to matters of substance, he speaks foolishness. What is foolishness? Let's be clear on something, because often we use the word fool in a different way than Scripture does. The Bible says a fool is a wicked person who thinks they know everything and God knows nothing. Fools may not have much brain power; then they're stupid fools, or they may have a lot of brain power; then they're clever fools. A fool speaks wickedness. He speaks of things that are contrary to the Word of God. He is perhaps obsessed with his own superiority. And so he speaks out what seems to be so clever, and to the worldly mind and to the worldly ear it sounds very wise indeed, but it is folly.

Where does such foolish language, where do such foolish expressions come from? We see that his heart will work iniquity. And there's where the problem is. His heart is yielded over to sin, and he can't change it.

We read here in verse six, that he utters error against the Lord. They are perhaps things that he thinks are wonderful. They may be things that please the people all around him, but they are completely out of accord with Scripture. They may be very much in line with the spirit of the times, but they are out of accord with the Word of God. Fools always depart from the Word of God, and the rest of their lives are a mess as well. They practice ungodliness. This is their true character.

### **Questions**

1. What are the characteristics of a fool?
2. How does a fool live his life?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we would turn from foolishness.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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**Praise: Psalm 4- See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Thursday - Isaiah 32:5-8 - True Character Shown**

The scoundrel is mentioned in verses 5 and 7. What are they like? Often we think of a scoundrel as someone who is rather dishonest. But in the Scripture it's stronger still. People think of him as bountiful, even though he is only interested in himself and in taking all to himself. And he does things in a sneaky way. He devises wicked plans. His plans are not to do good to people, though if he's very clever about it, he will make his plans look as though they will do good to others. His plans are to destroy the poor with lying words. Things will come to an end for both him and the fool. Things come to an end because the King is ruling in Zion. He destroys the fool and the scoundrel.

Verse 8 describes the truly noble man as generous. He gives. That's what a generous person does. He gives. First of all, by God's grace, he has given his heart to Jehovah. God has graciously come and taken out that old, dead, cold, stony heart that Ezekiel speaks of in Ezekiel 11 and 36, and replaced it with that which is warm, living, and godly. The new heart, the new life in Jesus Christ always immediately gives itself to God. So the first thing that the truly noble man, remade by God's grace, does is that he gives his all to God's service. He plans out not wicked schemes, not foolish, stupid things. He plans out, according to God's Word, what shall be done to glorify God and to benefit His people, and, in fact, to benefit all sorts of people. Then he goes out and works his plan. The process here is that the godly man, by God's grace, knows Jesus, consecrates himself to Jesus' plans, to God's glory, works that plan with an eye to God's glory, trusting in His promises, expecting His blessing. Then God does just that. The King makes sure that just as the fool is shown to be what he really is, and the scoundrel is shown to be what he really is, the godly man is shown not to be a pest to mankind, not some superstitious fool, but is shown to be what he really is, too, a glory to God, a blessing to mankind. This ought to be a huge encouragement to you who are in Jesus Christ.

## **Questions**

1. What is a scoundrel?
2. Why should a godly man be generous?

## **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that we would give our all to the Lord.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## **Memory Verse**

And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust for ever. Isaiah 32:17

**Praise: Psalm 5 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**



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## **Friday - Isaiah 32:9-14 - Grief and Terror**

We see these people cast down because of their sin, because of their foolishness, and then God and His grace lifting them up, promising to do so in a time yet to come. We see the casting down in verses 9-14. God speaks of the fact that He is about to bring judgment on luxury and living for pleasure. It's not something that will happen in the distant future. For these women of Judah and Jerusalem it will be just over a year before this judgment happens. These women were living in luxury and living for the pleasures of life. But instead of pleasure, instead of luxury, there would be hardship, affliction, and pain. The countryside would be ravaged. There would be no food and no drink. You can see the destruction that comes to the cities. These beautiful places, these palaces, these mansions, all laid low. All we see there are weeds and waste, and it's a place for animals to go.

The second thing we see is the attitude that this judgment brings upon these people. There is fear in verse 11. Troubles do that to people. They bring them great fear. Secondly, we see there is grief. These women are weeping. They are wracked with grief over what is happening. But, friends, I tell you, sadly, there is a fear which is merely a terror and drives away from God. We often think, oh, if only something hard could come to this person or that person, it might lead them to repentance. No, friends, without the grace of God, the hardship of oppression merely sets a person more firmly in their sin.

Who particularly is addressed here? It is the women of Judah and Jerusalem. God is addressing these women, because their situation is a leading symptom of an underlying spiritual malaise or sickness. They're part of a society that calls itself the people of God, but who have rejected Him. These women care only about how they look and what is pleasurable. They don't care to be doing the job that God has given them to do. This is a symptom of the underlying problem. An entire society that no longer cares about God, in fact, rather wishes He'd go away. Well, He's about to show His very presence to them, and it will not be pretty.

### **Questions**

1. What do these women care about?
2. Do troubles always drive someone to God?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that God would bring people to Himself.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust for ever. Isaiah 32:17

**Praise: Psalm 6 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Saturday - Isaiah 32:15-20 - A Lifting Up of the Downcast**

God does not suffer his people, individually or corporately, to continue on in sin. He will do whatever He must to turn you around and keep you on the way of holiness. It's not because He hates His people, it's because He loves His people. And the point is not to leave His people in misery, but to bring them forth through the misery into joy and godliness and glory. He does that with individuals and with His people as a whole.

All kinds of problems have been threatened here. And all came to pass. But God says here, His true people will be lifted up. This lifting up looks ultimately to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. For it is after His life, death, resurrection, and ascension that God's plan brought along the pouring out of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost which we see here in verse 15.

In verse 16 we see that, where there hadn't been justice and righteousness before, there is now. Where there was turmoil, where there was fright, now there is peace. We see in verse 17 that a fruit of righteousness is peace with God. Because if we have a right standing before His law, we have a right standing with Him. We have peace with God. We are content with the way He deals out things to us. We are assured of His love for us and His care for us. This contentment, this assurance, this faith is found nowhere else but in Jesus Christ.

In verses 18 and 19, there's outward peace. And then lastly, in verse 20, we see the material blessings given to the people as God lifts them up from their sin. God by His grace, when He sees fit to bring reformation to a land, to bring spiritual life where there had been death and darkness, things are utterly changed, utterly transformed. People might come and say, what has made this change? It is all by the working of the Spirit of God, and to Him alone must go the glory. Now, are there difficulties ahead for us in our own life? Surely there are. Jesus promised on the very night in which He was betrayed that in this world you will have tribulation. But Jesus went on to say, 'But be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world.' You may be downcast for a while, believer. But God takes those who are downcast, and in His glory, and for His glory raises them up.

### **Questions**

1. What is promised in verse 15?
2. What is a fruit of righteousness?

### **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**

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**Praise: Psalm 7 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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day after day  
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