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The studies are taken from the New Kings James Version. There are no right or wrong answers; just fill in the blanks from the Scripture used, write out an occasional verse and answer some very simple questions from the text.

- 1) 19:5, 9 What happens to the false witnesses?
What did God give us as the ninth commandment (see Ex. 20:16)?
- 2) 19:16 What becomes of the careless?
- 3) 19:20, 25 Listening to counsel and receiving instruction does what for us?
Who will listen and discern knowledge? (See v. 25)
- 4) 20:7 “Can my ways bless my children?” Ask yourself this, then being honest, are you doing this? Blessing your children or even those dear to you? (See Genesis 26:4; 30:27)
- 5) 20:9 Who can say this? (See 1 John 1:7)
- 6) 21:2 Though our ways seem right to us – from where does God examine us?
- 7) 21:23 Write out this verse:

Daily Thought

Proverbs 21:23

“Whoever guards his mouth and tongue
Keeps his soul from troubles.”

How often my tongue pushes hasty words from my mouth. The results – if not causing trouble instantly – leave me feeling foolish and sorry later. Even if those words are true – be patient with them. Time and wisdom can find a better way.
Troubled Soul.

Word of Growth

Proverbs 21:2a

“Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes . . .”

“THAT’S RIGHT!!!”

My ways are always right – right? Our actions are usually based on what comes first to mind – “our instincts”. Wise men ponder their ways to control instinct, reacting then in knowledge. Not all life events can be thought out in perfection. Timely decisions are required in life. How do we control these decisions? Well, we start by training our minds. What you place in your mind will grow in your heart. Once we base our love upon certain ways, will they not become instinctive reactions?

One fact I’ve shared with many is – Wisdom is Wisdom regardless of one’s faith. God’s word, our Bible, is wisdom. Even if you have read the entire Bible front to back and don’t believe it, can you show anything in it that is unprofitable for prosperous living? God’s word was given to us for guidance in life – “our intelligence”. Other religions use pieces of God’s word in their lives. They study from our Bible the things which agree with them; they live by them. Wisdom is wisdom. Even to non-believers God is wise. You see this all through your daily life. Watch around you. Notice things that come from God’s word. As you read His word you will understand and notice more of these things. We’ve a faster way to these knowledgeable things. Read your Bible. Pray for understanding. Start living wiser lives God’s way!

- 1) 22:4 How can one obtain riches, honor, and life?
- 2) 22:6 Great memory verse for parents or anyone around youth.
Do we know anything other than what we've seen or heard?
- 3) 23:4 Don't what? Why is this?
- 4) 23:7 How is He (you)?
- 5) 24:12b How will He Who keeps souls decide what to render to each person?
- 6) 25:1 Whose sayings are these and who copied them?
- 7) 25:19 Placing confidence in the unfaithful is as what?
- 8) 26:7 What is a proverb (wise saying) in the mouth of the fool?
- 9) 17:6 What is faithful? And the deceitful are?

(This is a favorite of mine – and good to remember. Correction comes from love.)

Daily Thought

Work:

I was always taught to work hard – hard working men are very respected in my family. I worked more than I lived. Ninety percent of my day was work; ten percent was sleep and life. I worked for the cable company: I painted and did auto repair on a normal basis with a friend. I started a small business trimming trees. I had more than some but never an abundance. All comes from God – work as hard as you want but understand it “all belongs to Him”. Just as Israel gathering the manna –

Exodus 16:17-18

“Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less. So when they measured *it* by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need.”

God provides for His children and He loves us all equally. He is your provider.

Proverbs 23:4

“Do not overwork to be rich;
Because of your own understanding, cease!”

Everyone should work but cease overworking.

God loves you. He will provide.

- 1) 28:1 Why do you think this is?
- 2) 28:9 If you will not listen to God's word (the law) what will your prayers be to Him?
- 3) 28:3 What will covering our sins do?
What will be found if we give those sins over to our Father?
- 4) 29:15 A child unattended brings what?
- 5) 29:17 A corrected child will what?
- 6) 30:6 What is the consequence of adding to God's word (the Bible)?
See Revelation 22:19
- 7) 31:4-5 Why is it unfitting for a king to drink?
Should this be much different for us?
- 8) 31:31 A virtuous woman, an excellent woman, will bring praise to herself through what?
(Just as you know a person by their fruit, a woman as this will show her way – excellence.)

Daily Thought

Prayers:

People often say "Pray for me" or "I'll pray for you." One who does not know or honor God may pray all day, but what do you think the results will be? Many pray, few know God. Pray for those who still need to know the great mercy of our Father. Until they meet and know Jesus, you could say they are without a prayer.

- 1) 1:1 The words of whom?
- 2) 1:9 What is new?
- 3) 1:18 What comes with wisdom and knowledge?
Why do you think this is so?
- 4) 2:1-11 Solomon lists much of his possessions and ventures
What did he find in his works and belongings?
- 5) 2:26 What does God do for the righteous?
And the sinner?
- 6) 3:1-10 Which purpose does not have a time?
- 7) 3:14-15 Though what is done is done (and cannot be changed).
What is required of it?
- 8) 4:9-12 The privilege of a friend: think of a friend, a good friend, and
remember their value. Often we take friends for granted. Be sure
to return the favor. Call on a good friend today.

Daily Thought

Friends:

When life has its bumps we find our true friends. Friends, thank God for you! How often one needs a friend. You were there – you saw it through – you did not give up on us in our need. When trouble came you waited patiently and endeared them with me.

I thank God for you, friend.

Everyone needs that kind of friend. Loving neighbor as self – we should all be this type of friend.

- 1) 5:1-7 How are we to conduct ourselves before God?
Are we to be abrupt with our words or ways?
What if we make a vow with God?
- 2) 6:10 “Whatever one is, he has been named already.”
What do you think Solomon is saying here?
- 3) 7:1 May grandfather would always say “Your name is all you’ve got.”
Don’t give reason for anyone to slander you. Keep a good name.
How do we know what is good and how do we know good conduct?
See Psalm 119:105
- 4) 7:10 Why would our inquiry not be wise concerning this? (James 4:14)
- 5) 8:17 Solomon looked to understand everything under the sun.
Every work – though what did he learn of God’s work?
Who can know it?

Daily Thought

Ecclesiastes 6:10a “Whatever one is he has been named already. . .”

A man’s name in Biblical times had a meaning.

Jesus – Savior, Immanuel, God with us

Joshua – the Lord saves

I believe this verse is a confirmation to God already knowing our future. Were we not named (known) since the very beginning? And known right to our end?

Word of Growth

Ecclesiastes:

King Solomon, the wisest man to grace the earth. Solomon had riches and wisdom beyond all others. He lived life to its fullest. He explains in Ecclesiastes 1 – I’ve had it all; its worth is nothing. Solomon worshipped idol gods with his wives. He sacrificed his children to Molech (the fire god). He made some extremely poor decisions in life before writing this book. He says all was worthlessness, vanity of vanities, all is vanity. Solomon spoke these words of wisdom in his old age. Some of his final words to us are these – life is worthless, everything under the sun has been done, nothing is new, it’s a continual grasping for the wind. Depressing! As we continue our reading we will reach the point of Solomon’s book. There is only one thing that matters – one.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:
Fear God and keep His commandments,
For this is man’s all.”

Nothing else in life will bring you, me, or anyone else the satisfaction of this one responsibility. Yes, I said responsibility. This is our reasonable service (Romans 12:1). God created each of us for this one task. “Serve Me. Live a blessed life.” We should be glad to serve Him who made us. And we will find a long and happy life as we do so. Take Solomon’s word for it – or learn the hard way, as many must.

Last point, I can’t make people, though. Let’s say I fashion a rake. We know a rake must rake. Maybe it would try other things. We already know it won’t like being used as a shovel, a hoe, a pitchfork, a spade, a pick axe, or any other tool. It’s meant to be a rake. That’s what it is fashioned for. God has fashioned each of us with a purpose as well. Rather a rake, shovel, pitchfork, spade, or a pick axe are we not created for a purpose? Service. We were made for service and we will serve in some form before we find that One great meaning in life. Or we could settle as a rake shoveling sod. Not very happy.

- 1) 9:7 Why can we eat and drink and be full of joy?
- 2) 9:10 How shall we do everything we put our hands to?
- 3) 10:18 Verse 18: one could change the words “building” and “house” to almost anything and the words will prove the same. “Because of laziness my work decays and through idleness of hands I fall behind.”

What does laziness and idol hands do for your? (Keep focused.)
- 4) 11:8 Solomon says let him remember the days of darkness. The days of sin, the bad in life. Who doesn’t remember the darkness? Think to yourself of a dark time for you. This sounds simple, maybe funny. Don’t do that again! Remember it only for that purpose; give the rest to God.
- 5) 12:6-7 What is being said here?
- 6) 12:13 What is Solomon’s conclusion, “the conclusion”?

Daily Thought

How do we know if God will still receive us? What if it’s too late? Serious questions, but easy to figure out. Do you care when you act against God’s word when you sin? Do you feel guilt when you’ve sinned? This feeling is God’s rebuke. He still loves you.

Ecclesiastes 9:7

“Go, eat your bread with joy,
And drink your wine with a merry heart;
For God has already accepted your works.”

He knew you before you knew Him. Yes, He knows all your doings. He still loves you!
Praise God for His great mercy.

- 1) 1:1 Name the book and author.
- 2) 1:4b “We will be _____ and _____ in you. We will remember _____ more than wine.”
- 3) 2:16 “My beloved _____, and I am _____. He feeds his _____ among the lilies.”
- 4) 3:1 “By night on my bed I _____ I love; I sought him, but I _____.”
- 5) 4:16b “Let my beloved _____ to his _____. And eat its _____.”

Daily Thought

We know this book’s name and its author from verse 1. The question is: what is this book of, who is Solomon speaking of? Some believe Solomon wrote this song as a long song to one he loved. Some believe this is a song and story of love towards God. Often in the Bible we are related as the bride and God the groom. Many verses can be taken either way in this song. Question #1: “Solomon’s song.” Question #2: we should rejoice in God always more than wine. Question #3: God feeds His flock. Question #4: I seek and pray to Him at night from my bed. Question #5: He placed Adam in His great garden to tend and eat of its fruit.

Either way, what words from the king.

Daily Thought

Solomon did meet a woman who came from a little town near Galilee. As mentioned in 8:11 Solomon did have a vineyard close to Baal Hamon in the northern part of Galilee. Upon a visit to his vineyard he met a young woman only known to us as the Shulamite. Solomon proposed to have her and by the end of this song it seems she accepted. This seems to be a love song though in many ways it illustrates God's love toward His people – the bride.

What are your thoughts on Solomon's song?

To his love?

A story to portray God's love toward His people?

Perhaps both?

Word of Growth

The Apple:

Lost? We all have been. God sent you and me and all His children through the wilderness to find ourselves. God had angels to serve Him. He made man with free will. To know good, one would first need bad. Ok, so we start the journey off to the wilderness. The unknown land, the land of sin. One first needs to take the course to know which they want. A life of sinful pleasure or a life of disciplined obedience. One brings short-term pleasure now; the other long-term pleasure later. Choose your path wisely.

Moses will be my example. Moses was adopted by the pharaoh's daughter. He saw the life of pleasure living as the king's grandson. He chose to leave this life and became a shepherd before God chose him to deliver His children, Israel, from Egypt. Moses chose to labor and live with his people rather than enjoying the temporary pleasures of sin (Hebrews 11:25).

Deuteronomy 32:10

“He found him in a desert land, And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness;
He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.”

Moses chose a different path for his life. God chose Moses for a grand path in life. God's apple delivered Israel from Egypt. Israel, also the apple of God's eye, spent forty years in the wilderness (sin). To separate God's chosen, all that first generation died in that sin, not one made the land of milk and honey. You must make that choice; God won't force you. He uses many things in life to awaken you. Though it's up to you to see. Moses didn't make that land though he saw it from afar. He led many stray in the way and is surely blessed to this day. Choose your path; head to the left or the right. You cannot have both; choose wisely if you have not already. You, too, are God's apple – the apple of His eye. He needs you to choose Him.

Song of Solomon 8:5

Who *is* this coming up from the wilderness,
Leaning upon her beloved?
I awakened you under the apple tree.
There your mother brought you forth;
There she *who* bore you brought *you* forth.

Awake blessed soul, awake.

- 1) 1:1 Whose vision was this book, and during what time?
- 2) 1:3 An ox knows its master and the donkey knows where to eat.
God's people Israel?
Why do you think they did not know their place with God?
Are we as them?
- 3) 1:10 In Isaiah's vision to whom does God compare Israel?
- 4) 2:4 Why will the nations turn all their weapons of war into farming tools?
What does this time sound like to you? (A time of peace – the "new Jerusalem")
- 5) 2:20 The coming of our King will be so – that men will do what?
- 6) 2:22 What are we to do with men as these heathen?
- 7) 3:9 We are not to hide our sins.
Why is it a big deal Jerusalem and Judah have not hidden their sins here?
- 8) 3:12 Who will be oppressors to people as those who will rule over ignorant men who deny God?

Daily Thought

Question #7 – the difference between our sin and the sin we read of here is the God-fearing person regrets sin. Jerusalem and Judah said, "We choose this and are not willing to repent." Warning after warning they clung to their sin and continued to sin in the open for all to see.

- 1) 4:3 What will remain in Zion and Jerusalem?
- 2) 4:4 What will become of all the unholy in Zion and Jerusalem?
- 3) 5:1-6 This vineyard – whose is it? This is a symbolic vineyard.
Who is being offered to here and what is God preparing for these wild grapes (see v. 7)?
- 4) 5:11-12 Woe to who? Though they find pleasure in the many things, what are they lacking?
- 5) 5:30 If one looks to the land what will they receive?
Why do you think this is?
- 6) 6:1-3 What did Isaiah see?
See Revelation 4:2-3. What did John see in his vision?
- 7) 6:5 How did Isaiah feel before God's throne?
How did the seraphim (angel) cleanse Isaiah's lips?
See how John felt in Revelation 1:13-17.

Daily Thought

Isaiah 4:5-6 speaks of God's great protection over His people. Mount Zion, the restored and purged holy nation, God will place a covering over every dwelling. A cloud by day and a flame by night. Also one could seek refuge in God's tabernacle. No matter what time of day or night or condition God was showing His great availability. "I Am here." As He ever so is today for each one who looks to Him in any condition.

- 1) 7:5-9 Though Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah were coming against Judah what did God give to Isaiah to tell King Ahaz?
- 2) 7:10-11 Now when God told Ahaz to request his confirmation sign (as was normal during these times) what was Ahaz's response? (What faith.)
- 3) 7:14 What sign was to be given anyways?
See Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:31, John 1:45, Revelation 12:5
- 4) 8:2-4 God told Isaiah to name the son of the prophetess "Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz" which means "speed the spoil, hasten the booty".
Why was this name to be given this child?
- 5) 9:6 What will His name be called?
See Judges 13:8, Titus 2:13, Ephesians 2:14

Daily Thought

The more a person reads the Bible the more he or she begins to relate prophecy between Old and New Testaments. Often people are guided to the New Testament – "Read this, it is easier and covers all you need to know." That it does, but for me the more New Testament I see in the Old – what a way to strengthen one's faith. Seeing first the prediction then its fulfillment – how amazing.

- 1) 10:4 What would one be forced to do without God?
- 2) 10:12 What will God do to the arrogant king of Assyria?
As well as anyone arrogant and haughty in their ways?
See Matthew 23:12
- 3) 10:33 Note also here – what will become the haughty and those of high stature?
- 4) 11:1 The Rod of Jesse? A branch from his roots? In verse 2 we read the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him.
Who is this Rod, this Branch?
See Matthew 1:5 and Acts 13:22-23
- 5) 12:5 In God’s excellence (His works) how far was He known?
Would it then be safe to say before our forefathers as well as all the people on earth in these times God has made Himself known?

Daily Thought

With witness as great as this in Chapter 12:5 why is it people still ask “If there is a God, why doesn’t He make Himself known?” Many non-believers, non-followers in Biblical times, acknowledged God; they knew not to stir His people. Time loses these things; somehow their greatness wears off. All feared God, all . . .

Many don’t think of our Bible this way, but it could be used as legal witness, a legally binding document. How many years, witnesses, and books are before you? Well, look in your Bible. The Bible is not simply one book. You did know this, right? I didn’t at one time. Our Bible consists of 66 books, written by more than 40 authors on three separate continents, writing over a 1500 year period. Not all lived at the same time, could not contact one another. Coercing the Bible would have been impossible – yet it all fits together without contradiction . . . (How many witnesses would be sufficient to convict a man in court? Would 40 reach a verdict?)

Word of Growth

Looking back:

Isaiah 5:30

“In that day they will roar against them
Like the roaring of the sea.
And if *one* looks to the land,
Behold, darkness *and* sorrow;
And the light is darkened by the clouds.”

Genesis 19:17; 26

So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, “Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed.”

Luke 9:62

“But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.”

In Isaiah 5:30, if anyone looked to the land they found darkness – why? Well, they looked to that land, they lusted of those things of life instead of the things of God. Isaiah then was warning them of the consequences of not trusting God more than self. Again in Genesis, two angels came to Lot and his family and said to escape Sodom and Gomorrah for they are to be destroyed because of their great wickedness. Don’t look back! What happened when Lot’s wife looked back to that sinful life? Turned to a pillar of salt?!?

Jesus again in Luke tells us that any who begin to do the work (put their hands to a plow) and look back are not worthy of the kingdom.

This is a simple lesson. Don’t look back! We’ve changed our ways, we seek higher things, we trust higher power and long for the better things. What could possibly be in our past worth looking to in that old sinful lust? Oh, God won’t do it – He won’t punish me for that . . . I only embellish on that once in a while.

Will He (punish me)?

In the book, “The Works of Josephus”, the writings of a well-known Jewish historian from around 100 A.D., you may find further witness to looking back.

“Again Sodom and Gomorrah’s destruction:

1.11.4 “But God was much displeased at their impudent behavior so that he both smote those men with blindness, and condemned the Sodomites to universal destruction. But Lot, upon God’s informing him of the future destruction of the Sodomites, went away, taking with him his wife and daughters, who were two and still virgins: for those that were betrothed to them were above the thoughts of going, and deemed that Lot’s words were trifling. God then cast a thunderbolt upon the city, and set it on fire, with its inhabitants; and laid waste the country with the like burning, as I formerly said when I wrote the Jewish war. But Lot’s wife continually turning back to view the city as she went from it, and being too nicely inquisitive what would become of it, although God had forbidden her so to do, was changed into a pillar of salt; for I have seen it, and it remains to this day.”

Now this is not a Biblical writing – this is from a Jewish historian. A man’s word, not God’s word. Though Josephus was a well-known and trusted historian claiming to have seen Lot’s wife as a pillar of salt.

Don’t look back, don’t try to look forward, but live one day at a time as you can in righteousness.

Matthew 6:34

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.”

- 1) 13:7-8 How will men be in the day of the Lord?
- 2) 13:15-16 What will happen to all who are found in the day of the Lord?
- 3) 13:19 What is God's wrath in this day compared to?
- 4) 14:1 Though God's wrath will be so on this day, what will He do with his chosen in this day?
In this case Jacob / Israel?
- 5) 14:9 The king of Babylon must have been something to have such written about him. How scary would it be to hear these words spoken of oneself?
Do these verses make you wonder about any of your own ways?
- 6) 14:12-21 These passages are still concerning Babylon's evil deeds –many link them to the devil himself. Perhaps he was the power behind the whole thing. What do you think?
- 7) 15:2 How will the heads and faces of Moab be?
This was a showing of shame.
- 8) 15:9 What would be used to attack Moab and those left in the land?

Daily Thought

Isaiah 14:9a

“Hell from beneath is excited about you,
To meet *you* at your coming. . .”

NOT I! Not you! We have faith bigger than this threat and one word to say. Well one name to call upon – Jesus. Even when Satan sifted Peter as wheat Jesus prayed for him and brought him back home. See Luke 22:31, 32 – this was when Peter denied Jesus three times.

- 1) 16:6-7 What was Moab proud of?
- 2) 16:13-14 What was to become of Moab because of this?
- 3) 17:7 When things become hard, when one is not blessed in their doings but find scarcity even in food, as we read of the conditions here, to whom will they look?
- 4) 17:10 What had started such conditions?
- 5) 18:3-4 How clear was God’s word to Isaiah here?
See verse 3 as he lifts up and as he blows?
- 6) 18:7 What kind of people would worship God?
- 7) 18:7 These people’s land was divided to the place of the name of the Lord of Hosts. Name the mountain.

Daily Thought

As verse 17:7 says “and then (when all else fails) they will look to their Maker.” Why is it necessary to first lose everything or why must there be nothing else for a person before they will look to God? Once we get into motion as a child on a bike we realize “I’m doing it alone!” Why do we need more than that? We got this. Right? Wrong! You still need God. He is your creator, your Maker. Imagine how it feels as we only look to Him in our needs. You ever know anyone who only comes by when they need something? Not much of a relationship, is it?

- 1) 19:2 Who will God put against Egypt?
How will this leave their spirits?
- 2) 19:16 Egypt was great in power, one of the greatest of its day.
How was God going to make them, and who were they going to fear?
- 3) 19:22 What will God do to Egypt before He heals them?
- 4) 20:1 In the year, who came to Ashdod? (This was one of the three chief officers from the Assyrian empire.)
- 5) 20:3-4 What was Isaiah's nakedness and being bare-footed for three years a sign of?
- 6) 21:9 When Babylon fell what went with her?
What did God break to the ground?
- 7) 21:17 Why are the things spoken here so sure?
Who spoke them?

Daily Thought

God will strike them, then He will heal them (19:22).

This sounds absurd, strike them then heal them. Ah, but is this not how you teach a child? Punish their wrongs then show them compassion. God has simply said, "This is not the way, child. Come to Me so I may show you."

Word of Growth

Bible "Look Alike"

In my New King James Version study Bible there is a chart calling the book of Isaiah a miniature Bible. Very interesting. Here are the comparisons:

| ISAIAH | The BIBLE |
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| 66 Chapters | 66 Books |
| Two sections: Chapters 1 – 39 and Chapters 40 – 66 | Two parts: 39 Old Testament books and 27 New Testament books |
| First 39 Chapters stress God’s righteousness, holiness and justice | First 39 Old Testament books stress God’s righteousness, holiness and justice |
| Chapters 40 – 66 emphasize God’s glory, compassion and grace | The 27 New Testament books emphasize God’s glory, compassion and grace |
| Chapters 1 – 39 show Israel’s need for restoration | The 39 Old Testament books show humanity’s need of salvation |
| Chapters 40 – 66 predict God’s future provision of salvation in His Servant | The New Testament books describe God’s provision – the Messiah |
| Isaiah begins with a description of Israel’s rebellion and ends with the prediction of restoration | The Bible begins with a description of humanity’s rebellion and ends with a description of salvation in Jesus Christ |
| Message: a holy God will gain glory by judging sin and restoring His people | Message: a holy God will gain glory by judging sin and saving those who call on the Name of His Son Jesus Christ |

Some amazing comparisons. How amazing God’s word can be.

- 1) 22:5 Who caused Jerusalem such perplexity?
And what was Jerusalem called?
- 2) 22:12-13 How backwards people are when God calls for great sadness –
what will men do?
- 3) 22:17-18 What will God do with the people of Shebna?
- 4) 23:1 What were the ships of Tarshish to do and why?
(Tarshish was a great city and also the place to which Jonah fled
to from God – well, tried.)
- 5) 23:9 What was God’s purpose in the affliction of Tyre?
- 6) 24:1 To what has God’s wrath now turned?
- 7) 24:5 What was done on earth to cause God’s wrath to overcome her?

Daily Thought

Isaiah 24:5 – What covenant was broken?

“The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants,
Because they have transgressed the laws,
Changed the ordinance,
Broken the everlasting covenant.”

1 Chronicles 16:14-19

He *is* the LORD our God;
His judgments *are* in all the earth.
Remember His covenant forever,
The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,
The covenant which He made with Abraham,
And His oath to Isaac,
And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
To Israel *for* an everlasting covenant,

Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
As the allotment of your inheritance,"
When you were few in number,
Indeed very few, and strangers in it.

See also Psalm 105:7-12.

Remember His judgment, His covenant, His command. In all else trust Him, He is just.

- 1) 25:1 Why will Isaiah praise God as well as should still be done today?
- 2) 25:9 What will the people say?
And what will they rejoice in?
- 3) 26:3 Good memory verse.
Who will God keep in perfect peace?
- 4) 26:4 For in whom is the Lord everlasting?
This is a short version of Yahweh – the Hebrew word given God:
יהוה
- 5) 26:9 When shall one seek God?
- 6) 27:1 What would God punish and slay? (This is possibly a saltwater crocodile but is mythicized and used to symbolize the demonic force.)
- 7) 27:11 Why would God not show mercy or favor to these people?

Daily Thought

When shall one seek God?

Isaiah 26:9

“With my soul I have desired You in the night,
Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early;
For when Your judgments *are* in the earth,
The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.”

We shall seek God always; “I’ve desired You in the night.”

But seek Him first; “I will seek You early.”

- 1) 28:1 Besides pride, what was Ephraim known for?
What were they overcome with?
- 2) 28:7 What was the weakness of the priest and prophet?
- 3) 28:11 How would God speak to these people? See 1 Corinthians 14:21
- 4) 29:1 Woe to?
Which is where?
We know this is in Jerusalem because that is where David dwelt.
- 5) 29:9-10 Why were they going to wonder and stagger?
- 6) 29:24 What would be the future of these who wronged in spirit?
- 7) 30:1 Though they received counsel and made plans, what was done wrong?
- 8) 30:18 What will the Lord do and why?

Daily Thought

The Lord will wait . . . and be gracious to thee. Thank God for His patience and mercy! He waited even upon me. Where else have you witnessed such patience? Who else gives such mercy? Praise Him.

- 1) 31:1 What wrong was being done here?
- 2) 31:3 What will become of the helped and the helper when they come against God?
- 3) 32:1-2 Ponder upon this king spoken of here.
Who is this king, this cover from the tempest, the shadow of a great rock in a weary land?
- 4) 32:20 Blessed is who?
- 5) 33:1 What will become of those who plunder and deal treacherously with those who do not?
- 6) 33:15-16 Who may dwell with Him on high, whose defense will be the fortress of rocks?
- 7) 33:24 Will there be any sick in this majestic kingdom?
And those who dwell there – what will happen to their iniquities?

Daily Thought

Where do we stand, where can our feet be firm forevermore? Placing God before all is the firmest foundation we or anyone could stand upon.

Isaiah 33:22

“For the LORD *is* our Judge,
The LORD *is* our Lawgiver,
The LORD *is* our King;
He will save us. . .”

They knew it even then. He saves us, He is our strength. What else makes sense?

Words of Growth

Beside all waters:

Isaiah 32:20

“Blessed *are* you who sow beside all waters,
Who send out freely the feet of the ox and the donkey.”

Each of us at some point in our lives have sown the seed. You’ve spoken of your faith, you’ve shared your God. In time. But blessed you are who do so in any condition. A stirred heart, stirred in spirit may speak a word in the comfort of their home or to a family member or a friend. And this is great! Continue doing so. But blessed you’ll be who sows in any condition. Speak it! Be confident. Praise His name before all so they may see. Now, not all have the talent as some, but what child will not speak in the open of their parent? Hey, you over there. God loves me, He’s blessed me! Do you know Him? Okay, maybe I’m pushing it, but you get the idea.

Blessed are they who sow beside all waters.

Sowing brings difficulties.

Psalms 126:5

“Those who sow in tears
Shall reap in joy.”

Your work will be remembered.

If we don’t sow, well, what would happen to those who have not reaped the benefits of our sowing?

Be blessed and bless others.

God bless you, the elect!

- 1) 34:1 Where has God now placed His wrath?
- 2) 34:4 What will become of all the hosts of heaven and heaven itself?
Notice here the words “all their host shall fall...” These verses speak of false gods and man-made heavens.
- 3) 34:8 For who did the Lord’s wrath go out upon all the nations?
- 4) 35:3-4 Who will God come and save?
- 5) 35:8-10 Highway of holiness?
Who shall walk upon this highway and what will be the perks?
- 6) 36:4 Who spoke to the people on behalf of the king of Assyria?
- 7) 36:7 The Rabshakeh said, “Has Hezekiah not broken down the Lord’s high places and alters?” He was questioning how they could trust in God without these. Often people speak of which they do not know and distort things. Of course those who are foolish and don’t know any better could be persuaded in these things.
See 2 Kings 18:1-5 – what did Hezekiah remove?
- 8) 36:21 In the end trusting Hezekiah what was the people’s response to the Rabshakeh?

Daily Thought

A true prophet will be known in what he speaks. His words will happen. Read Isaiah 35:5-6 and then read Matthew 11:4-6. Would you say Isaiah was God’s prophet and a true prophet?

- 1) 37:1-7 When Hezekiah heard the words of the Rabshakeh, to whom did he take his concern?
And what did God tell him through Isaiah about this?
- 2) 37:14 When Hezekiah received the king's letter, again who did he take it and his concerns to?
- 3) 37:37 Did God perform all He said through Isaiah concerning the king of Assyria?
What became of this king?
What happened to him after this?
- 4) 38:1 Isaiah told Hezekiah what?
- 5) 38:4-6 After Hezekiah called upon God in prayer what did Isaiah return to tell him?
- 6) 38:7-8 What was God's sign to Hezekiah and did this happen?
- 7) 39:1-2 When Merodach-Baladan sent letters and presents to Hezekiah after hearing of Hezekiah's sickness, what did Hezekiah do?
- 8) 39:4 What had Hezekiah shown the king's men?
What was the consequence for this?

Daily Thought

When Hezekiah was in debate or concerned for the safety of the people, he would take his concern directly to God. The king of Assyria threatened the people – Hezekiah headed to the temple. The king of Assyria sent letters to Hezekiah – Hezekiah took his concerns with the letters to the temple. Hezekiah was told of his coming death . . . you best believe he called on God! Did God answer all these? Hezekiah set the example. God has shown us the reward. Call upon Him. He is listening.

- 1) 40:1 Do what for God's people?
What was said about her iniquity?
Remember the miniature Bible comparison – chapters 40-66.
- 2) 40:3 Does this verse sound familiar? See John 1:23
- 3) 40:12 How well does God know the earth?
- 4) 40:22 Where is He; even this great place is as what to Him?
- 5) 41:4 See Revelation 1:8, 17 and 22:13.
Did John have the same revelation as Isaiah?
- 6) 41:13 A good memory verse for that time of need.
“I will take hold of your right hand, fear not . . .”
- 7) 42:1 Behold, My Servant, My Elect One, My Spirit is upon Him
Name Him. See Matthew 3:13-17
- 8) 42:2 “He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.”
Of what need would these be to Him of such superiority?
No authority would have need of these.

Daily Thought

Isaiah 40:6b-8

“All flesh *is* grass, And all its loveliness *is* like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
Surely the people *are* grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.”

Word of Growth

Ever present:

Genesis 8:21b-22

“I will never again curse the ground for man’s sake, although the imagination of man’s heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.

While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest,
Cold and heat,
Winter and summer,
And day and night
Shall not cease.”

Genesis 15:1b

“I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”

Joshua 1:5b

“. . . as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.”

Acts 2:21

“And it shall come to pass
That whoever calls on the name of the LORD
Shall be saved.”

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Isaiah 41:4

“Who has performed and done *it*,
Calling the generations from the beginning?
I, the LORD, am the first;
And with the last I *am* He.”

Revelation 22:13

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last.”

Our Lord has been since creation with our forefathers till now. He loved them and He loves us. And, yes He will be the I Am to the end (eternity plus).

Our God

Isaiah 41:13

“For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand,
Saying to you, ‘Fear not, I will help you.’”

To the very end.

1) 43:1-7 Wow! “I have redeemed you (bought you back) you are Mine.”

List some of what God said He would do for His people:

When you pass through the waters,

Through the rivers,

Walk through fire,

I gave Egypt for your

_____, _____ and _____

I have loved you; Therefore I will give men

_____, _____, _____

2) 43:10a “_____ are My _____,” says the Lord, “And My servant whom I have _____ . . .”

3) 44:3 What will God pour out upon Israel’s descendants (us by faith)?

4) 44:19 What is not realized by idol worshippers?

5) 45:9 Woe to who?

What were God’s people referred to here?

6) 45:25 Who shall be justified and glory in the Lord?

Daily Thought?

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you . . .” 43:1

Again, as we pass hard times God will be with us to keep us afloat. Praise Him.

- 1) 46:1 Who bows down and who stoops?
Bel was another name for Marduk, Babylon's chief deity (false god) and Nebo was his son.
- 2) 46:7 What can an idol god do for those who call to it?
After all where did it come from? See verse 6.
- 3) 47:5-9 After God's rebuke, what do we find these women were doing?
- 4) 47:12-13 What was the recommendation to these sinners?
Sometimes, most of the time, there is no need to debate. Yes, your ideas must be right. Good luck with that. Perhaps you will prevail.
- 5) 48:3 How long has God been declaring His work?
Much of which has already come to pass. What do you think makes people doubt or not care about the rest of what He has spoken?
How can I ask such?
If they care would they be doing what He said for them to do?
- 6) 48:20 Go from Babylon – flee from the Chaldeans – declare what?

Daily Thought

Sorcery, idols, other gods? Yes, go with that and let me know where that gets you. Perhaps you will prevail.

Yes . . .

Joshua 24:15d

“But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Our Old Testament commanded that we should stone these people to death. We shall not do this anymore and arguing is out of the question. Pray for them. They, too, may change.

- 1) 49:6 This chapter speaks of the coming Servant, Jesus. In verse 6 we read “I will also give You as a light to . . .” who?
This word means anyone other than the Jewish nation. Every nation was called Gentile.
- 2) 49:8 What was God’s plans for this Servant?
- 3) 49:23 Who shall not be ashamed?
- 4) 50:1 See Matthew 27:29-31.
Were these words spoken in truth?
- 6) 51:1 To whom is this section written?
- 7) 51:22-23 What cup has God taken from His people and given to those who have afflicted them?

Daily Thought

“I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles.”

How great is our God? All can be saved. All can be as one people through faith in God our King. All can reap of His promises and blessings.

All . . .

- 1) 52:3 Were sold for? Redeemed how?
- 2) 52:5-6 Why was this done – this redemption?
See verses 5d and 6a.
- 3) 52:8 This redemption will be so clear, how will they see this when God brings back Zion (His people)?
- 4) 53:2 How will God's Servant appear to us?
- 5) 53:7 And He opened His mouth not. See John 19:9
- 6) 54:8 Though He had hidden His face, what is now to come?
- 7) 54:17 Who can be against us and what of their weapons (even weapons of war)?

Daily Thought

Who can stand against God and His people? Even if we were taken in war, even if we die this very night, would that be prosperous? There is no prosperity in killing what has eternity after death. You take this temple then I live forever, yes, do what seems good to you. I will trust God and you will not prosper.

See Hebrews 9:27-28. All are destined to die once then judgment and salvation for God's children.

Word of Growth

The Servant:

How long has this Servant been God's plan?

Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”

This is the first prophecy concerning God's Servant.

Ah, but has He been around longer than this?

John 1:1 & 14

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

The Servant, Jesus, has been around since the very beginning of God's creation. He was there during the creation. This has always been the plan – a Servant to save all the people.

Isaiah 52:3

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

1 Peter 1:18-19

". . . knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

Receive this great service from the always known Servant, Jesus Christ.

- 1) 55:1 You who have no money do what?
- 2) 55:8-9 Are God's thoughts as our thoughts?
How are His ways compared to ours?
- 3) 56:2 Blessed are who?
- 4) 56:8 What does He do with the outcast? See 1 Corinthians 1:26-31.
- 5) 57:15 Who will God dwell on high with?
- 6) 57:18 I have seen _____ and will _____
_____.
- 7) 57:21 What is for the wicked?

Daily Thought

How promising is Chapter 57:8! I have seen his ways and will heal him. God knows. He has prepared the way.

- 1) 58:3 Why had God not acknowledged their fasting?
- 2) 58:9 When will God acknowledge His people?
- 3) 58:14 What will happen after one does these things?
- 4) 59:1-2 It is not God that failed but what has happened?
- 5) 59:8 What happens to the peace of the one who chooses wickedness?
- 6) 60:15 Though hated and forsaken, God will what?
- 7) 60:22 In the Lord . . . “A little _____, _____, _____, _____,
and a small one _____.”

Daily Thought

Why does God not hear my prayer? Why does He not answer me in my needs?

Isaiah 59:1-2

“Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened,
That it cannot save;
Nor His ear heavy,
That it cannot hear.
But your iniquities have separated you from your God;
And your sins have hidden *His* face from you,
So that He will not hear.”

Pray for forgiveness, in mercy He will answer.

- 1) 61:1 To preach good tidings ____ _____
He has sent Me to heal ____ _____,
To proclaim liberty to ____ _____,
To proclaim the acceptable _____ _____ _____,
To comfort _____ _____ .
- 2) 62:6 Who shall not keep silent?
- 3) 62:11 Salvation is coming and what will He bring with Him?
- 4) 63:2 Why red garments? See verse 3.
- 5) 63:16 Redeemer from when?

Daily Thought

Matthew 11:5

“The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.”

See again question #1 (Isaiah 61:1). Was this not why He was sent?

Word of Growth

A City not Forsaken:

Isaiah 11:16a

*“There will be a highway for the remnant of His people
Who will be left from Assyria . . .”*

Isaiah 35:8

“A highway shall be there, and a road,
And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness.
The unclean shall not pass over it,
But it *shall be* for others.
Whoever walks the road, although a fool,
Shall not go astray.”

Isaiah 40:3

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the LORD;
Make straight in the desert
A highway for our God.

Isaiah 62:10

“Go through,
Go through the gates!
Prepare the way for the people;
Build up,
Build up the highway!
Take out the stones,
Lift up a banner for the peoples!”

Okay, what is with all the scriptures in our Words of Growth and Daily Thoughts lately? Well, we are coming to a close soon in our study. Studies should advance in difficulty or they would not really be studies but recitals, right? I wish for you to read God’s word and find understanding, without one’s explanation of it. This is personal fellowship with God.

What do His words mean to you? Think upon these verses I’ve shared here for a moment. What is it with this highway? Isaiah 11:16 states there will be one – a highway for His people.

Isaiah 35:8

A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness.
The unclean shall not pass over it,

But it *shall be* for others.

Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray.

Okay, so God in His word through Isaiah has said “There will be a highway for My people. It will be a highway of Holiness and those upon My Holy highway will not lose their way.”

Isaiah 40:3 says there is a voice in the wilderness crying prepare the way. A highway for God. A highway in the desert. This highway in the wilderness (sin) and it runs through the desert (unclean ways, sin).

Okay, okay – a Holy Highway for God’s people through sin. Run it right down the middle of that sin!

Who will build this highway? Isaiah 62:10 states that we will build it. Prepare a way for the people! Build up the highway, lift up a banner for the people!

Why shall we build the highway? And what for? We are dead smack in the middle of the desert land, the midst of sin. We know God and His way. And if in Christ we love our neighbor and wish to make his path clear – we shall hang two banners. Hey, friend – over here - carpool with me. How much clearer than on a highway? An off ramp is obvious – no need to get off there.

Where does the Holy highway lead? To that eternal city, the kingdom of which we’ve only read. Yes, how do we find a city we have never set foot in?

By faith, friend – by friends who have kept the faith.

- 1) 64:3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look.
Why did they not look? See Exodus 19:21 - they would have died if they looked at God. But also, how fearful His presence. The earth quaked and the mountains smoked at His presence. Read Exodus 19.
- 2) 64:6 What is all our righteousness, all the good we've ever done to God?
- 3) 65:13-14 My servants shall _____.
My servants shall _____.
My servants shall _____.
My servants shall _____.
- 4) 65:17 God will what? See Revelation 21.
- 5) 66:1 Heaven is My _____ and earth is my _____.
- 6) 66:15 How will the Lord come?
- 7) 66:16 How will He judge?
- 8) 66:22 Who will see the new heavens?

Daily Thought

My servants shall eat. My servant shall drink. My servants shall rejoice. My servants will sing. As the heavens are His throne and the earth His footstool, even I will sing and praise Him. I can't sing, but I will be making noise for My King.

- 1) 1:1 This book is the word of whom?
And whose word came to this author?
- 2) 1:5 For how long had God planned to make Jeremiah His prophet?
- 3) 1:8 What did God tell Jeremiah?
- 4) 2:8 What was wrong in Jeremiah's time with the priest and those who handled the law?
- 5) 3:1 What did God use to compare the faith of His people here?
- 6) 3:13-14 What did God want from His people?
- 7) 3:25 Why was Israel in shame?

Daily Thought

Backsliding, backsliding Israel, backsliding children. God used these words for Israel in Chapter 3 of Jeremiah. What is backsliding? Exactly what it sounds like. These people once knew good – the good of God and now they've chosen something different. Backsliding happens as sin. A little at a time until it adds up to a great deal. Be careful and stay diligent in your studies and faith.