

ISAIAH –Lesson 51

Learn: He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. John 3:18-21

Read: Isaiah 44:1-28

We are reminded that this section of Isaiah speaks of the COMFORT of God's people which is based on His SOVEREIGNTY. God PROTECTS His people because of His CHARACTER.

1. What is God's character? v 6b
2. What is God's reminder to His people in verses 1, 2?
3. What are the three names given to Israel in verses 1, 2?

NOTE: The word "Jeshurun" is also used in Deuteronomy 32:15; 33:5, 26—it is a poetic name for Israel and means "upright"—what God wanted for them.

4. What is God's counsel to Israel in verse 2?
5. God offers them the comfort of water, using verse 3 and Isaiah 32:15, explain what is meant by the water for the thirsty and the floods for the dry ground.
6. What is the blessing that God promises to His people? vv 4, 5
7. What is the identity of the LORD revealed in verse 6?
8. We see the same phrase "I am the first, and I am the last" used in Revelation 1:5-8. Who is this passage speaking of?

- What does the fact that the title of “the first and the last” is used in both these passages tell us about Jesus Christ?
9. What does the does the phrase “I am the first and the last” indicate to us about history?

 10. What impact does the LORD have on the future? v 7

 11. In verse 8, what is God’s instruction to “fear not” based upon? Also see Isaiah 26:4

 12. Why is there no profit in worship of idols? vv 9-11

 13. In spite of the physical beauty that an idol might have, what is its problem? vv 12, 13

 14. Why is it so illogical to trust in idols? vv 14-17

 15. Use Psalm 81:12 to explain God’s part in the blindness of these people concerning their idols as recorded in Isaiah 44:18, 19.

 16. Why are people deceived into believing in idols and false gods?
 - 1- Hosea 4:12

 - 2- Romans 1:18

 - 3- Romans 1:19, 20

4- Romans 1:21

5- II Timothy 3:13

17. At the judgment will people have the excuse of saying that God blinded me so that I couldn't believe in him? Explain.

Romans 1:20

Acts 17:24-30

Jeremiah 5:29-31

John 3:18-20

18. What is the worst thing about idols? v 20

19. In contrast to idols, what has God done for Jacob and for all who trust in Him?
vv 21, 22

20. What is God's call to Jacob? v 22

NOTE: The words "return to Me" are found five times and the words "return to the LORD" another five times. The phrase "turn ye unto Me" is found in Zechariah 1:3, Isaiah 55:7; Jeremiah 24:7; Hosea 6:1; 14:1.

21. God spends so much time calling for Israel to return to Him. If people are not capable of responding to that call (as many people teach), because God doesn't give the people the ability to respond to His call, what picture does that project of God?

Is it a TRUE picture of who God is? Ezekiel 33:11

20. Why should the heavens and all creation sing? v 23
21. What TWO things is God's promise of redemption of Israel based upon?
vv 24, 25
22. What seems right and true to most people today (even to those who call themselves Christians), is the same way of thinking of the people of Israel (who were called the people of God) of Isaiah's day. What is the problem of people of every generation, even of many who say that they believe in the God of the Bible?
I Corinthians 1:18-2:5
23. What does the LORD promise in verse 26?
24. What is one of the reminders of the LORD'S power? v 27 (see Exodus 14:1-22)
25. Why does the LORD raise up the shepherd Cyrus, and rebuild Jerusalem and the temple? v 28 Also see Revelation 4:10-11