ISAIAH –Lesson 55

Learn: Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord God, and his spirit hath sent me. Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea. Isaiah 48:16-18

Read: Isaiah 48:1-22

- 1. What was the trouble with the house of Jacob which was called by the name of Israel? v 1  $\,$
- 2. What is meant by the phrase "but not in truth" that is used in verse 1? Matthew 15:7-9
- 3. According to what Jesus said in the Matthew verses the Jews of His time on earth were the same as the Israelites of the time of Isaiah. Does the problem of not worshipping God in "truth" still exist? Explain using Romans 2:17-24.
- 4. How is the rebuke of the Jews for their hypocrisy applicable to the church today? Luke 6:46-49

Matthew 7:21-23

- 5. What does it mean to "stay oneself upon the Lord"? Isaiah 17:7, 8
- 6. What realization helps us to be "stayed" upon the Lord? vv 2b, 3

7. Why did Israel need that constant reminder by God of who He is? vv 4,5

Why do Christians have this same need to be reminded of who God is and what He has done? Jude 4, 5; James 1: 22-25

- 8. Even though God showed them and told them new things and hidden things, what does He say about the response of the house of Jacob- Israel? vv 6-8a
- 9. Why was Israel so lacking in understanding? v 8b
- 10. Why was the Lord reluctant to "cut off" (destroy) His people? v 9
- 11. What was God's plan for Israel in order to bring about change in them? v 10 Also see Ezekiel 22:18-22.
- 12. Why will God bring His people through terrible times? v 11
- 13. What does God want from Jacob? v 12a
- 14. What are four things that Jacob needs to remember? vv 12, 13 1-
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- 15. No matter what man does, what will be the outcome when it comes to God's will? vv 14,15
- 16. Who is speaking in verse 16? See Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4:14-21 for help.

What important doctrine of the Bible is shown to us in this verse?

- 17. What is the hope offered in verse 17a?
- 18. What does the Redeemer offer His people? v 17b
- 19. What will God's people gain by obeying His commandments? v 18
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- 20. What does the Lord want proclaimed? v 20
- 21. What does the Lord remind them about His provision for them? v 21
- 22. Why don't people have peace? v 22