

ISAIAH –Lesson 57

Learn: I am the true vine, and my father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. John 15:1-4

Read: Isaiah 50:1-11

This chapter CONTRASTS DISOBEDIENT Israel with THE OBEDIENT Servant. The LORD reasons with Israel using 13 questions.

1. Using Deuteronomy 24:1 explain (under the Jewish law), who was responsible for initiating a divorce and what was required?
2. In the case of slavery, a certificate of the sale is needed. Why were people sold as slaves? II Kings 4:1
3. In the case of Israel, what was unusual about God having divorced them, and sold them? v 1
4. What was the reason that God gave for this strange situation? v1
5. How did God describe the iniquities and transgressions of Israel that resulted in His putting her away? Jeremiah 3:6-11
6. Was the LORD putting Israel away because they had completely abandoned Him? What was the situation? See I Kings 18:21; II Kings 10:18-30.
7. God describes Himself as the Husband of Israel. He says that His Son, the Lord Jesus is the Bridegroom of the Church. Both relationships with God are described as

marriages. What does the Lord say about the church (each member of His body) as regards mixing the world's beliefs with our worship of Him?

James 1:27

8. What are some warnings given to the church, and individual members of it, when they begin to mix the worship of Him with worldly thinking?

Revelation 2:12-16

Revelation 2:18-23

Revelation 3:14-16

9. Can individual churches or members of the church also sell themselves into slavery as Israel did? Explain your answer.

10. The Lord describes Himself as the Good Shepherd and His people as sheep. He says that He will lead us into the good pastures where we will be fed what we need. How did Israel and how can we get led away from our Good Shepherd?

Jeremiah 29:30-32

John 10:11-15

11. God called to Israel, but what did they do? v 2

12. What are two questions that the LORD asks that show that His people doubted rather than trusted Him? v 2

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13. What is Israel reminded of that God had done for them in the past? v 2
Exodus 14:21, 22

14. What did God remind Israel and us that He will do in the future? Isaiah 13:10;
Revelation 6:12

15. In contrast to the rebellion of Israel, what does the true Servant do? vv 4-6

16. What did His obedience to the will of the Father cost the Servant? v6

Isaiah 53:4

Matthew 27:26-31; Mark 15:15-20

17. Where did the Servant gain His strength to accomplish what He had to do? v7

18. In order to endure such great suffering for the sheep, what did the Good Shepherd, the True Servant do? v 7b

Use Luke 9:51-56, 62 to explain what this means.

19. Use the following verses to explain how we too are to have that same outlook,
“setting our face like a flint.”
Luke 9:62

Philippians 3:13, 14

Philippians 3:3

I Corinthians 9:24-27

What are some practical ways that we can implement this outlook in our lives?

20. What support did the Lord have to carry out His purpose? vv 8, 9

21. How does this same support carry us through our lives as believers? Romans 8:31-39

22. How do we acquire the confidence and security in the Lord that is offered and available for each one of us?

v 10

John 15:1-12

23. What will be the result of Israel trusting in themselves? v 11

24. What will be the result to all who trust in themselves?
Luke 18:9-14

Proverbs 28:26