

ISAIAH –Lesson 58

Learn: Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of man which shall be as grass. And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor? 51:11-13

Read: Isaiah 51:1-23

This chapter is given the title The Remnant Encouraged and Exhorted, because the LORD promises that HE WILL RESTORE them.

1. What is God calling these people to do? v 1
2. Who is God specifically calling to? v 1
3. Verse 7 adds to the definition of those that “follow after righteousness.” How are they further characterized?
4. This chapter is specifically speaking to the nation of Israel, but is applicable to all who “follow after righteousness.” What further things do we learn concerning righteousness from the following verses?
Psalm 94:15

Proverbs 15:9

Proverbs 10:2

Matthew 5:6

Daniel 9:7
5. We see then, that though these people in Isaiah were Jewish and in the time before Christ, “righteousness” is something to be sought for by all. How can anyone attain “righteousness” which belongs only to God and without which no one can see God?
Genesis 15:6

Romans 10:10-13

Titus 3:5-7

6. Back to Isaiah and those who are following after righteousness. What does the LORD call them to remember? vv 1,2

7. What are those who follow righteousness to rely on? v 3

8. Again in verse four, the phrase “Hearken unto me” is used. How does He address those that he calls?

9. What promises does He give to His people in verses 4, 5?

10. Have the promises of verses 3-5 been fulfilled yet? Explain

11. What are they and we to remember when we look at the heavens and the earth? v 6

12. What is the connection between the observation of the heavens and the earth and then remembering what is coming in the future, to hearing God’s admonition in verse 7?

13. Again we are reminded in verse 8a of what will happen to the heavens and earth as we know them.
What is this contrast then given v8b?

14. What is the appeal of God given here, as well as his appeal to all godly people through out the generations? vv 9, 10

NOTE: “Rahab” is Isaiah’s name for Egypt.

15. What is God’s promise to his people who have suffered under bondage and oppression? v 11

16. If God is the ONE who comforts His people what should be the result in their lives? v 12

17. In Matthew 10:16-31 we see an expansion on the theme that we are not to fear men. In many parts of our world, those who follow the Lord are truly experiencing all the terrors that men can bring against the followers of God. What reason does Jesus give for the wrath of man falling upon His people?

18. What comfort does Jesus give to those who are suffering for His sake in the Matthew passage?

19. Who should we fear rather than men according to the Jesus? Matthew 10:28

20. If we let the fear of men get the control over us, how will we respond? Matthew 10:32, 33

21. What warning and reminder does Jesus give in Matthew 10:33-36

22. An idol is anything that we love more than the Lord. What is the warning about who might become our idols in Matthew 10:37?

Why?

23. What is the constant danger? Isaiah 51:13

24. How do God's people keep from being forgetful? vv 13, 15, 16

25. What are the people of Israel drunk with? vv 17-22

26. What will God do with the "cup" that His people Israel have had to drink? v 23