

Isaiah's Lesson

Week of Nov. 25 - Dec. 1, 2019

Introduction

This week's lesson explains the peace that God is preparing for the world. Isaiah spoke at a time when Jerusalem was threatened and its inhabitants were afraid. God's people had turned away from the Lord and judgement was coming. Isaiah preached about both judgement and reconciliation. One of the surprising things Isaiah revealed was God's ultimate plan to fight for peace. His was going to be a peaceable kingdom. The tools of life would convert hearts and hands to help rather than hate one another.

Lesson Isaiah 2 1-5

1 This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:
2 In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. **3** Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. **4** He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. **5** Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Questions

1. Sometimes we need earthly reminders of things that are held in high esteem. The mountains and grand places we see make us in awe of God's creation and give us a

feeling of being on top of the world. Isaiah uses the mention of majestic places (mountains, temples) for us to understand his word and know in our hearts the height of what he is speaking about. Have you ever traveled to a mountain or high place? How did you feel upon seeing it or hiking it? Think about going to this place and leaving all disputes, weapons and war-like actions behind you.

2. If we choose to follow God's will, it says all nations will come. We must learn to be around all kinds of people and not judge their differences. Where can we work to improve the acceptance of all God's people from many areas of life or nations?

3. Isaiah describes God's laws as compelling and attracting many to follow. Not by fear, but by faith people will encounter God. How can we put the joy of the Lord back into our words?

4. It says God will "teach us his ways". What can we do to keep learning God's ways throughout our life?

5. Think about being in a place where there are no more disputes. Do you think we can assist this prophecy? How can we, as God's people, work to have this come true for today?

6. God will turn weapons into useful tools. Words or actions can be tools that are destructive or uplifting to others. How can we help ourselves and others to walk in peace by the use of our words?

7. What does walking in the "light of the Lord" mean to you?

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Please help us to see there is a mountain or majestic place where God is in control. This passage we studied explains that peace is coming. May we be "walking in the light of the Lord," and accept all people. Please assist us on our daily lives to be kind and compassionate toward others. May your promise guide us to do your will. Amen

