

THE BOOK OF WOES AND PROMISES

ISAIAH CHAPTERS 28-33

1. Do you see a reference to Jesus Christ in Isaiah 28:16?

Isaiah 28:16: *Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a Stone, a tried Stone, a precious Corner Stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.*

2. What is the purpose in breaking up the ground before sowing seed? What is the spiritual lesson in this?

Isaiah 28:23: *Give ye ear, and hear My voice; hearken, and hear My speech.*

3. What would God have us learn from the different ways of handling different grain?

Isaiah 28:27-28:

²⁷ *For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod.*

²⁸ *Bread corn is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen.*

4. What danger is there in knowing the text, but not having the spiritual life and experience of the Word?

Isaiah 29:13: *Wherefore the Lord saith, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour Me, but have removed their heart far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the precepts of men.*

5. How do we find fault with our Creator?

Isaiah 29:16: *Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?*

6. What do you think this congregation demands of their clergy?

Isaiah 30:9-10:

⁹ That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the Law of the LORD:

¹⁰ Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits.

7. Is the simplicity and serenity of God's Way anymore "at home" in our 20th century than it was in the turmoil of Isaiah's day? Is it any less valid for God's people today? How do I appreciate it?

Isaiah 30:15: For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

8. In Isaiah 31:1, we see Isaiah's strong warning — not to trust in Egypt for help. What is the teaching here for us today regarding an alliance for convenience and prosperity? Nationally and personally?

Isaiah 31:1: Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!

9. To whom do you think Isaiah 32:1-2 refers?

Isaiah 32:1-2:

¹ Behold, a King shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

² And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

10. What three functions of government are centered in the Messianic King?

Isaiah 33:22: For the LORD is our Judge, the LORD is our Lawgiver, the LORD is our King, He will save us.

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