

## **August 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2015**

**Text: Isaiah 29:13 – 24**

**Topic: Insincere Worship**

The point of concern here, is the foolishness of external observance of religious rites. Such false worshipers think they are wise, that they will just keep going to worship and at the same time keep on indulging in all forms of disobedience.

Such people even try to hide their plans from God, thinking that He cannot see them. They are more concerned with retaining religious rites, so God decided to take a drastic action against them, in order to destroy their foolishness and wisdom. They will be totally humbled and, at the end they will no longer trust their wisdom but rely on the one and only true God.

**Lesson:** Drunkenness of leaders who carefully observe religious rites can destroy a nation. God does not delight in people who only go to church but will not obey His word.

**Prayer:** Father I pray that you give me and all our leaders a sincere heart to truly worship you. Amen.

## **August 17<sup>th</sup> Monday 2015**

**Text: Isaiah 30:10 – 18**

**Topic: Rebelious People**

This passage shows us how rebellious people know the way but they choose not to follow it. They are determined to do things their own way, they say “stop confronting us with the Holy one of Israel”

Despite what they are, the merciful Lord still longs to be gracious to them and He is even ready to extend His mercies to such rebellious people. However, mercy is so great and wonderful, giving time for all who would repent and come to him. God's patience and kindness is meant to lead us to repentance. Let us never take God for granted.

**Lesson:** To be given time to repent is a great mercy, which should be grasped with profound gratitude. God does not want anyone to perish.

**Prayer:** Precious and everlasting redeemer I thank you because you are always ready to forgive those who repent from their sins.

## **August 18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2015**

**Text: Isaiah 30:19 – 33**

**Topic: Grace In Action**

God always shows his grace towards those who repent in three ways. He will show His grace as a teacher who disciplines, reveal himself and show them the way. He also depicts his grace as a healer who binds up the bruises of His people and heal their wounds. Thirdly, he is depicted as a warrior whose wrath will fall on the enemies of His people, those who have cried out to Him for salvation. The grace of God is at work even before repentance and it continues to work even after we repent, enabling us live to His glory.

**Lesson:** The choice is ours, because the Lord is a victorious warrior and we must all one day meet Him, either as our deliverer or refuse to repent and meet Him as our destroyer.

**Prayer:** Thank you Lord for your unending grace which leads men to repentance.

### **August 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2015**

**Text: Isaiah 31:1 – 9**

**Topic: True Repentance**

The impending judgment is highlighted in verses 1–3. Those who rely on material things will surely be judged. Even though grace is promised by the Lord, that same grace can only be fully experienced when true repentance has taken place.

We must note that true repentance is radical. It is more than giving up some few things in our lives. It is a complete turn around from our sins towards God and away from the root of our sinfulness. He will then fight our battles by helping us to live above sin.

**Lesson:** God enables those who truly seek Him to live above sin, through his abundant grace.

**Prayer:** Lord father, your gracious goodness to all who repent knows no bound, we know that all who repent and turn to you will surely be saved. Thank you Lord. Amen

### **August 20<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2015**

**Text: Isaiah 32:1 – 11**

**Topic: True Salvation**

In this passage, the ruler will rule in a qualitative government where He and the other rulers with Him will rule with righteousness and justice. The king who will establish this perfect government is the messiah. He will rule with perfect justice where there will be security and no exploitation of the poor. People will now respond to the word of God among the nations.

There will be a last minute turning to the Lord and the people of Jerusalem will finally return to their God. They will now look unto the Lord and He will be gracious to His own people and their defence.

**Lesson:** It is because of the changed attitude of the people that God's wrath is finally directed towards their enemies. And not just because they are His chosen ones.

**Prayer:** Lord thank you for the salvation you freely give to all who come to you with a sincere heart. Amen.

### **August 21<sup>st</sup> Friday 2015**

**Text: Isaiah 33**

**Topic: The Lord Is Exalted**

When the Lord raised His hand there will be confusion all over the land and all traitors will be betrayed and destroyed. They will now cry to the Lord to be gracious to them and the Lord will be the sure foundation of their salvation again.

There is a promise that one day the king and his people will see Him reigning gloriously in their midst. These rulers are reminded in verse 33 that on their own, they are never able to bring about peace in the land. They will be forgiven but they should know that anything they get is because of grace.

The truth is, the blessings of Gods rule is for those who know and accept that they are sinners, and are in need of Gods forgiveness more than anything else.

**Lesson:** Only grace can get us from where we are to where we ought to be. Grace abounds for those who knows they are sinners in need of Gods forgiveness more than anything else.

**Prayer:** Be thou exalted Lord, for your grace endureth forever. Amen

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 2015**

**Text: Isaiah 34:1 – 17**

**Topic: Impending Judgment**

God is patient, but as a ruler He will always judge His people in truth and righteousness. The terrible picture presented in this passage depicts what Gods judgment will be like, all the nations will be judged, there will be no escape from the impending judgment.

A picture of how the judgment day will look like is given here. The stars will fall and the sky will be rolled up, blood will be every where.

The impending judgment is on all the nations and all unbelievers. For the believers, this is a serious call for more evangelism and missionary work, because the world is in rebellion against God. We need to evangelize so that sinners will escape the terrible judgment.

**Lesson:** No sinner will be spared on that great day of judgment. If you are a believer there is a call to spread the gospel without which people will be lost, utterly and eternally.

**Prayer:** Father give us the zeal to spread your gospel of salvation to all the nations so that people will be saved.