

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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“IN GOD WE TRUST” – PART 2

Discovering the Salvation of the Lord Through The Grace of God

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Introduction to the Text;

Isaiah 8:1-22

Trust is both a **powerful** thing and a **fragile** thing.

It's powerful because it's based on a relationship that has been proven, tested, and confirmed.

It's fragile when it is violated or broken – it's hard, sometimes impossible to restore.

Trust – Heb. **batach, baw-takh**; to hide into for refuge. Or that which is to be confident in, to be safe, secure, bold, care-free.

Trust - is only as strong as the object or person in which it is placed. – *Can your God be trusted ?*

Our Nations Reminder = “In God We Trust”

http://www.statesymbolsusa.org/sites/statesymbolsusa.org/files/380px-one_dollar_bill.jpg

IN GOD WE TRUST

1.) **Because He is the LORD**

vs. 1-4

Proverbs 3:5-7

Trust (batach, baw-takh) in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; **6** In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. **7** Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

2.) Because He is our peace

vs. 5-10

They chose a **FLOOD** instead of the **STREAM**

Restate the background here

Israel in the north had forsaken the promises of God and had joined in with an ungodly alliance with the people of Syria, - for fear of the coming Assyrian Empire which threatened to invade. The Kingdom of Judah in the south had the same promises that Israel had in the north, but like Israel they decided to trust in the strength of man rather than the peace of God. That recipe always spells disaster in the life of the believer, a nation.

The Jewish leaders of the Nation were asking if their decisions were
"Popular and Safe"

Isaiah the Prophet was asking if their decisions were
"Right and Honoring to God"

THE FLOOD = THE WAY OF THE WORLD..

Isaiah 8:5-7a

The LORD also spoke to me again, saying: 6 "Inasmuch as these people (the jews siding with Assyria) refused **The waters of Shiloah** (the "sent" waters) that flow softly, And (instead) rejoice in Rezin and in Remaliah's son; 7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord brings up over them **The waters of the River**, strong and mighty

God Desires For Us – "Peace"

In the 60s and 70s the word peace was a big deal. The hippies wanted peace so they looked to drugs and alcohol and sex. The establishment wanted peace, so they looked for it in politics. The nation wanted peace so they looked for it in wealth ...

"Believe it or not – Jesus was a big deal to those of the Free-love movement of the 60's = **because Jesus was a symbol of peace !!!**

Romans 5:1 NLT

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have **peace with God** because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

Meaning, the Christian is no longer at odds or resisting God

(the war is over between me and God)

Ephesians 2:14

For He **Himself** is our **peace**,

Colossians 1:20 NLT

Through Him God reconciled everything to himself. He made **peace** with everything in heaven and on earth **by means of Christ's blood on the cross.**

what is the result of this “peace **with** God”?

this is the supernatural peace **WITH** God that comes to us
through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:11-16

Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands - 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world... :14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

(1) Waiting Becomes my Option

Psalm 46:10

Be still, and **know** that I am God;

(2) Resting Becomes my Strength

Philippians 4:6a

Be anxious for **nothing**

(3) Understanding Becomes my Rest

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you **rest**. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is **easy** and My burden is light.”

(4) Worship Becomes my Reaction

Matthew 6:25-26

“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of **more value than they**?”

We have **peace with God**

what is the result of this “peace **of** God”?

this is the supernatural peace **OF** God that comes to us
whenever we are in need.

1 Thessalonians 5:23a

Now may the God **of peace** Himself sanctify you completely;

Meaning, the Christian now has available the “all peace” of God

(the very peace that was Jesus’ on earth is ours for the taking)

peace shalown, shaw-lome’; or מוֹלֵיב shalom, shaw-lome’; the safety, the calm, the wellbeing, the favour in the midst of crisis.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

ei.jrh/nh **ei-re-ne**, i-ray’-nay; a prosperity of soul. A soul / spirit wealth. A quietness, rest, + set at one again.

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Isaiah 8:5-10

They decided to go it alone – *human nature is to refuse God !*

There Can Never Be Peace without God

Sadly – The People Rejected God and Trusted in Man.

7 Behold, the Lord brings up over them **The waters of the River**,
strong and mighty (Tiglath-Pilizer and The Assyrian Forces)

Not only does history prove that trusting in man fails us,
But the result often ends in ruin !

Romans 1:20-24

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. :24 Therefore God also gave them up...

<http://www.pewforum.org/2015/05/12/americas-changing-religious-landscape/>

The Lord offered Israel peace through Him - but that peace was rejected. By rejecting God in their worship of God - what followed was a move toward **paganistic** worship, **self-glorification**, and **godlessness**. Those three factors led to **the destruction of the nation**.

Could this be America today ?

<http://www.breitbart.com/video/2015/05/13/oreilly-christianitys-decline-in-america-could-lead-to-collapse-like-roman-empire/>

Jeremiah 2:11-13

Has a nation changed its gods, Which are not gods? But My people have changed their Glory For what does not profit. 12 Be astonished, O heavens, at this, And be horribly afraid; Be very desolate," says the LORD. 13 "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water.

**Choose His Gentle Waters (Shiloh) – Not the Flood of the World.
The world is coming at us with a fire hose of evil.**

9 "Be shattered, O you peoples, and be broken in pieces! Give ear, all you from far countries. Gird yourselves, but be broken in pieces; Gird yourselves, but be broken in pieces. 10 Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing; Speak the word, but it will not stand, (why) **FOR GOD IS WITH US."**

Isaiah 59:19b

When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.

IN GOD WE TRUST

3.) Because He will take care of us vs. 11-18

They chose rather a SNARE rather than His SANCTUARY

Verses 13

For the LORD spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying: 12 "Do not say, (1) 'A conspiracy,' Concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, (do not trust in treaty or deal or alliances with Iran or with Russia) (2) Nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled. 13 (3) **The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow; Let Him be your fear, And let Him be your dread.**

Matthew 6:30-34

Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? :31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?' or "What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow,

14 (4) He (the LORD) will be as a sanctuary, (5) But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense To both the houses of Israel, As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15 And many among them shall stumble; They shall fall and be broken, Be snared and taken." 16 Bind up the testimony, Seal the law among my disciples. 17 And I will wait on the LORD, Who hides His face from the house of Jacob; And I will hope in Him. 18 Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! (Isaiah and his family have been called by God) **We are for signs and wonders in Israel From the LORD of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion.**

I personally believe this for **me** and **my** family.

I personally believe this for **you** and **your** family

I personally believe this for every one of **us** who are Christians.

Proverbs 29:25

The fear of man brings a snare, But **whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.**

Verses 14

(4) He will be as a **sanctuary**, (5) **But a stone** of stumbling and a rock of offense

IN GOD WE TRUST

4.) Because He is the Truth

vs. 19-20

They chose **DARKNESS** instead of **LIGHT**

Isaiah 8:19-20

And **when they say** to you,

“Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,”

Verses 19a

**“Seek those who are mediums and wizards,
who whisper and mutter,”**

Séance, Fortune Tellers, Horoscopes and Tarot Cards and Psychics

(It' s a Sign of a National Crisis – That God' s Word is not Sought After)

Verses 19b

should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living? **20 To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.**

UCLA “LET THERE BE LIGHT”

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Verses 20

To the law and to the testimony! (BACK TO THE BIBLE) If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

False Christians / False Prophets / False Teachers /

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Holy Spirit expressly says that in latter times **some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,**

(can you identify anyone who answers to this warning?)

Matthew 24:23-25

“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. **24** For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. **25** See, I have told you beforehand.

(can you identify anyone who answers to this warning?)

2 Timothy 4:3-5a

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound doctrine/teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate/gather for themselves teachers to suit/approve their own passions, **4** and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. **5** As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering,

(can you identify anyone who answers to this warning?)

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5.) Because He alone is God vs. 21-22

Isaiah 8:21-22

They will pass through it hard-pressed and hungry; and it shall happen, when they are hungry, that they will be enraged and curse their king and their God, and look upward. **22** Then they will look to the earth, and see trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish; and they will be driven into darkness.

When the Disaster Comes Upon Them

Because of the **Stupid Decisions** that they have made – They will blame Me for all their troubles.

What are some of the Hindrances to us having “Peace” ?

Psalms 34:14

Depart from evil and do good; **Seek** peace and pursue it.

A Blessing of Peace

Numbers 6:24-26

“The LORD **bless** you and keep you; (repeat) **25** The LORD make His face **shine** upon you, (repeat) And be **gracious** to you; (repeat) **26** The LORD **lift up** (repeat) His countenance (repeat) upon you, (repeat) And give you **peace.**” (repeat)

End of Study

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