

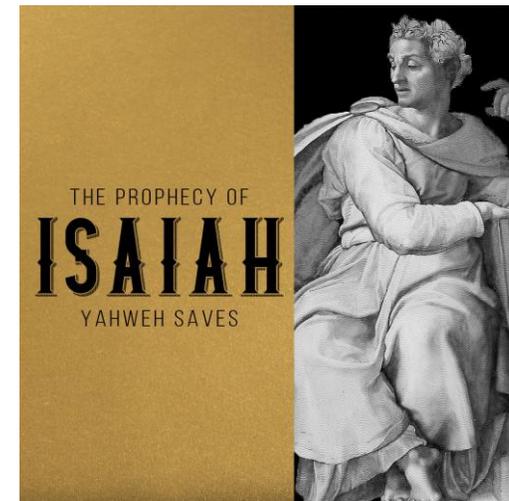
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Vs. 4-5 > Trust in God

- Why should we trust God?
- What happens when we shift our trust to lesser things?

If appropriate for your group, talk about how this passage informs a response to the elections last week. If someone is in turmoil, worked-up, depressed over the results, ... or conversely, if someone is excited, ecstatic over the results -- what does that suggest?

Discussion Points for “Perfect Peace” Isaiah 26:1-5



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First

Isaiah 26 looks out to the End of History when Jesus returns to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth. The rebellious *City of Man* will be put down, replaced by the glorious *The City of God*.

Do you prefer “the city” or “the country”? Why?

Isaiah speaks of a glorious City. All that makes a city unappealing will be removed and all that makes it appealing and a delight will be enhanced.

Discussion Points

V. 1 > Celebrating a City

- Note the celebration in being a part of this “strong city.” They sing.
- Describe the city spoken of here.
- What does Isaiah mean when he says, “God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks?”
- What city is Isaiah referring to?

V. 2 > The Righteous Nation

- What “nation” is the prophet speaking of?
- See 1 Peter 2:9 & Revelation 5:9

- Describe this “nation.” How is it different from the geopolitical nations of this world?
- Note the emphasis on civil/societal terms in this passage; i.e. “city” “nation.” What does that tell us about the Kingdom of God? Discuss the “community” implications.

V. 3 > Perfect Peace

- Who will God keep in perfect peace?
- All the words of this passage point to a place of absolute, ultimate safety and security. All danger has been removed. There is nothing to frighten nor cause unrest.
- Why is the mind important to being at peace?
- What is the *result* of a mind stayed on God? (Hint: “Because ...”)
- Deep Dive Discussion: What is the relationship between trust and peace?

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