



Read Isaiah 1:1-4

- In a book full of hope about God's plan to redeem humanity from their sin, why do you think Isaiah started his prophetic ministry with such difficult words?

Read Isaiah 6:8-13

- This passage sheds light on God's chosen order of message for Isaiah to share with the whole nation of Israel. The themes of Judgment & Hope are woven all through the book of Isaiah and it becomes more clear here in chapter 6 that the message of judgment precedes the message of hope by necessity. God is course correcting His rebellious children, and in order to save a remnant of His kids, He has determined that Israel needs to feel the weight of His discipline and correction before they can experience the promises of His hope.
- How have you experienced the discipline or correction of God's hand in your life?
- How has He used that to draw you closer to Him and others?

Read all of Isaiah 55

- This passage is an invitation to a new type relationship or covenant with God that may have seemed odd for the people from Isaiah's time. Compared to the Old Covenant that we see God make with the Jewish nation at Mt. Sinai with Moses and the 10 commandments (Leviticus 26), this new covenant promised eternal life and relationship that must have seemed impossible to an exiled Jew living under the heavy hand of the Babylonians. Even at their lowest point, God's children are being reminded and consoled with the promise that God will, in His time, fully restore, heal, and bless them.
- Have you ever experienced God's healing or blessing on the tails of a difficult season in your life?
- How has He used that to draw you closer to Him and others?

The same God who promised Judah restoration and a new eternal covenant with Him through the coming Messiah, offers the same eternal covenant to us through the now revealed Messiah, Jesus Christ. In this way, we are GRAFTED IN to His holy branch... God's family.

The overarching theme of the 66 chapters of the book of Isaiah is that God chooses to use both judgment and hope to prepare or "clean" a people for Himself that will live with Him eternally in paradise. More specifically, our clean and holy God has made a way for unholy and unclean mankind to be made clean, sanctified for eternal life with Him through person and ministry of the Messiah, Jesus.

Read **Isaiah 60:1&19-21** and take some time to thank Him for all He has done for you!