

The Book of Isaiah

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God’s Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we continue studying the book of **Isaiah**, this time reading **chapters 24-39**. In this section we see some of the most beautiful writings of the prophet. As Albert Barnes explains:

“In all ages, Isaiah has been regarded as the most sublime of all writers. He is simple, bold, rapid, elevated; he abounds in metaphor, and in rapid transitions; his writings are full of the most sublime figures of rhetoric and the most beautiful ornaments of poetry.”

There are five major themes that run through the entire book:

- ☞ God alone is God
- ☞ God exercises sovereignty over creation, over the nations and over history
- ☞ God is holy (Isaiah frequently refers to God as “the Holy One of Israel”)
- ☞ God is Judge and presides in judgment over the nations, including Israel
- ☞ God is Redeemer

In the previous section that we read, Isaiah prophesied against the nations surrounding Israel. Now the prophet turns his attention on Israel itself and begins to change his prophetic emphasis from the present to the future (a transition that is not fully completed until **chapter 40**).

The section we read today is divided into three main subsections:

- ☞ Prophecies concerning the beginning of a new age – **chapters 24-27**
- ☞ Prophecies concerning Israel’s judgment and deliverance – **chapters 28-35**
- ☞ The historical record of the Assyrian seige of Jerusalem – **chapters 36-39**

So let’s pull up that comfortable chair once more, and begin reading the second section of **Isaiah** – **chapters 24-39**.

Memory Verse

And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness.
The unclean will not journey on it;
it will be for those who walk in that Way;
wicked fools will not go about on it.

Isaiah 35:8

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is his Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!