

**ISAIAH, PART 1 (JUDGMENT – BUT HOPE)**  
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**THURSDAY**

**OPEN**

Who do you fear? Who do you dread? What is it that causes you to go into a panic? Why aren't you turning to the Lord? Why aren't you walking in that quietness and confidence that is your strength? It's just a matter of faith. Where is your faith? You say, "It's a weak faith." Well come, my Precious One, and let's build it strong.

**PART ONE**

I love the fact that God tells us that [every word of God is purified as silver in a furnace seven times.] (PARAPHRASE Psalms 12:6) Every word of God is precious. God does not waste a thing. And I love it that you have decided to join this program and to become part of what we're all about, and that is learning God's precepts for life, discovering truth for our self. And I want to thank you. As we begin this program I want to thank you so much for your support of this program. I want to thank you for giving so that we can be on more and more stations. I want to thank you for helping us reach around the

world, providing people with studies that will enable them to discover truth for themselves, that will enable them to go to God who is “...**the fountain of living waters...**” (Jeremiah 2:13) who will enable them to live by faith. This is what “Precepts for Life” is all about, because “...**Through thy precepts I get understanding: [and] I hate every false way.**” (Psalms 119:104, KJV) And I want you to know that every time you go and you click on and you download a free study guide for the book that we are studying, my heart leaps because I know it’s not a number, it’s a person, a person who is intent on knowing God’s Word, on knowing the whole counsel of God so that you will not be prey to this grievous wolves that Paul talked about that come in and seek to devour the flock. (See Acts 20:29) Remember I told you in our last program when we were in Isaiah 8 that there was a treasure that I wanted to take you to that really, just brings this home a little bit better and clarifies our thinking and what God is saying. Well, in Isaiah chapter 8, remember God has spoken to Isaiah again. [He has told him to take a tablet, to write on that tablet “Maher-shalal-hash-baz.” swift is the booty, speedy is the prey,] (PARAPHRASE Isaiah 8:1) and to write that on, which is a warning that the enemy is coming against you. He’s coming swiftly and you need to be ready. You need to know that this is going to happen so that you can stand faithful. Now verse 6, he says, “**Inasmuch...**,” and the Lord is speaking to Isaiah further, and this is what He’s saying, “**Inasmuch as these people [as God’s people] have rejected the gently flowing waters of Shiloah and rejoice in Rezin and the son of Remaliah.**” (Isaiah 8:6) In other words, they are turning away from God to go to these people to this son of Aram, to this kingdom of Aram to get help and going to “...**the son of Remaliah,**” and they’re rejoicing in him. Instead of doing what they’re supposed to do they are turning away from God. He says, “**Now therefore...the Lord is about to bring on them the strong and [the] abundant waters of the Euphrates....**” Go even farther east, “...**Even the king of Assyria and all his glory; and it will rise...over all**

[of the] **channels and go over all its banks.” (Isaiah 8:7)** They’re rejoicing that the king of Assyria is knocking out the king of Aram that’s coming against them and knocking out the son of Remaliah that’s coming against them. But he says, “That king of Assyria ain’t gonna stop at the border between the Northern Kingdom and the Southern Kingdom. He is going to come on down into Judah. He’s going to rise over all its channels. He’s going to go over its banks.” **“Then it will sweep...into Judah....”** Double underline it in green. It’s a geographical location. **“It will overflow and pass through, it will reach even to the neck...,”** and the neck is that high point. It is Jerusalem. **“...And the spread of its wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel.” (Isaiah 8:8)** What is he reminding them? “Oh, God is with us.” God is with you, but God is judging you. And God is judging you because you **“...rejected the [gentle] flowing waters of Shiloah....” (Isaiah 8:6)** Now let me just go back to Isaiah chapter 7. And it says in Isaiah chapter 7, **“Then...,”** in verse 3, **“Then the Lord said to Isaiah, ‘Go...now to meet Ahaz you and your son Shear-jashub, [the remnant will return] at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway of the fuller’s field.’” (Isaiah 7:3)** I want you to go out and I want you to meet them in the place where you can see that the waters that come into Jerusalem are waters that are going to save the city. But God has to protect the waters. Now he says, “You have rejected these waters. You have turned away from God and you are trusting in the king of Assyria who’s going to wipe out your enemies. But you don’t know that the king of Assyria is going to wipe you out and is going to come all the way into Judah.” Now what’s this little nugget I want us to see? I want you to go to Jeremiah chapter 2, Jeremiah chapter 2. Now Jeremiah is a later prophet. Jeremiah is going to prophesy in the days of Josiah, who is the great-great grandson, so to speak, of Hezekiah and he’s going to prophesy in those days and he’s going to prophesy all the way until the Babylonians come and take them captive. But in Jeremiah chapter 2 what he’s doing is, he’s saying to them,

“What was it about Me that you didn’t like? Did I not protect you? Did I not take care of you? Why have you turned away from Me?” And this is basically what He’s saying up to this point. And in verse 13 He says, “**...My people have committed two evils....**” Number one—number one’s not there. I’m just giving it to you. Mark it in your Bible. Put a “1” there. “**...They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters....**” (Jeremiah 2:13) This is evil number one. “Here I am. I’m the fountain of the living waters. I’m the One that’s sustained you. I’m the One that keeps you alive. I’m the One that satisfies your thirst. And you have turned away from Me. You have turned away from the fountain of living waters.” He’s saying in essence the same thing in Isaiah chapter 8. “[You] **have rejected the [gentle] flowing waters of Shiloah....**” (Isaiah 8:6) In other words, “You have turned away from My water that I have provided and that I have brought to you and you have turned to this river, this Euphrates that you think is going to spare you.” So in Jeremiah chapter 2 He says, “The second thing that you have done is you, first, number one, “[You] **have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, to hew for [yourself] cisterns, broken cisterns that can [not] hold...water.**” (Jeremiah 2:13) You have turned from the supernatural to the natural. You have turned from the arm of God and the power of God to the arm of the flesh. And He says, “This is the evil that you have done.” And it’s the same thing that they had done earlier under the days of Ahaz. But now watch; it gets even gooder. He says— He comes down and He says in verse 17. Well let me read verse 14. “**Is Israel a slave? Or is he a homeborn servant? Why has he become a prey?**” He’s not a slave. “**The young lions have roared at him, they have roared loudly....They have made his land a waste; his cities have been destroyed, without inhabitant.**” This is what you see in Isaiah 7. “**Also the men of Memphis and Tahpanhes have shaved the crown of your head.**”(Jeremiah 2:14-16) And remember it said in Isaiah 7, “God is calling for a razor and the king of Assyria is one that shaves your beard and shaves

the hair of your head and the hair of your legs.” (See Isaiah 7:20) He says, **“Have you not done this to yourself by your forsaking the Lord your God when He led you in the way?”** He says, **“But now what are you doing on the road to Egypt....”** You’ve gone down south to get help from Egypt. He says, **“[Or] to drink the waters of the Nile...?”** Do you prefer that to the fountain of living waters? He says, **“...Or what are you doing on the road to Assyria...?” (Jeremiah 2:17-18)** Well if you’ve done your study with me, you’ve read in Kings that what has happened is, we find Ahaz going up to Damascus to meet the king of Assyria, sees an altar up there, sends the pattern from the altar down and begins to change the worship in the land of Judah, in the house of the Lord where God’s name is. He says, **“Your own wickedness will correct you...your apostasies will reprove you; know therefore and see that it is evil and bitter for you to forsake the Lord your God, and the dread of Me is not in you,’ declares the Lord...of hosts.” (Jeremiah 2:19)** There’s only One that you and I are to fear and that’s God and that’s faith. We’ll talk about it in just a minute.

## **PART TWO**

When Israel turned their back on God, God brought down the Assyrians and used them as His hammer, as His rod of judgment. The problem was Assyria begins to think, “Ha, ha, I’m the conqueror,” and you’re going to see that as we study Isaiah. But God has a word for them too. Yes, He uses nations as His rod of judgment, as His rod of chastisement, and yet the nations don’t get away with it. God holds them accountable. He lets them go according to their natural bent, and yet He holds them accountable. Let’s go back to Isaiah chapter 8 because God has such an important message for you and for me. I don’t want you to miss today and I don’t want you to miss tomorrow. And the reason I don’t want you to miss it is because we’ve come to a very practical portion of Isaiah, one that is going to speak to your heart if you have ears to listen. And if you listen you’re going to be so glad because

you're going to be part, as we talked about at the beginning of this week, of God's special forces, of that remnant that shall return. Well let's go on before I give it all away. Verse 9, it says, **"Be broken, O peoples, and be shattered...."** Now He's speaking, when He says, "O peoples," not "O people," not "My people," but He's speaking to the nations. **"Be broken, O peoples, and be shattered...give ear, all remote places of the earth [wherever you are]...."** He says, **"...Gird yourselves,** [get ready for battle. Tighten that belt. Make sure those sandals are on tight. Put on the helmet.] **"...Gird yourselves [but you'll] be shattered...."** You will not stand because a righteous, holy God in heaven will judge you. So watch what He says. **"...Gird yourselves, yet be shattered...."** He says it twice. **"Devise a plan, but it will be thwarted; state a proposal...it will not stand, for God is with us."** (Isaiah 8:9-10) Now if you've downloaded your free study guide, if you went to [preceptsforlife.com](http://preceptsforlife.com) you know that one of the things that you are to mark is every occurrence of "Immanuel" which means "God with us." We see it for the first time in verse 14 of chapter 7. **"...And she shall call His name Immanuel,"** (Isaiah 7:14) the prophecy about the coming birth of Jesus Christ, born of a virgin so that He might die for your sins and my sins. And so we see it mentioned there. But then we come over and we see in verse 8 when he speaks to the people. He says, **"...O Immanuel,"** (Isaiah 8:8) speaking to the people, "God with us." God's with you but He is judging you. And then we come to this, and it is a word to the nations and it says, **"[You can] devise a plan [against us; you can]...state a proposal, [but just remember]...God is with us."** (Isaiah 8:10) There is a faithful remnant. Now remember we saw this when we studied Isaiah 6. **"...The holy seed is [the] stump."** (Isaiah 6:13) In other words, you can fell the tree, you can bring Israel down, and that's what the nations have done, but there is a holy seed and that is the stump. And in that stump there is life. There is a faithful remnant. Now what do I mean by remnant? I mean everybody's not wiped out. There is a faithful group, a "special forces" and

they survive. Now watch what he says. **“For thus the Lord spoke to me with mighty power and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people....” (Isaiah 8:11)** Now in verse 11 we have Isaiah telling us what God said to him. Now remember Isaiah’s the one that has seen the Lord. Isaiah’s the one that has seen his sin and confessed his sin. Isaiah’s the one that has his sin taken away. (See Isaiah 6:1-7) Isaiah’s the one who has heard the Lord say in Isaiah 6, **“...Who will go for Us...?” “...Whom [can] I send...?”** And Isaiah is the one that has said, **“...Here am I [Lord]. Send me!” (Isaiah 6:8)** Have you said that to God? I have. And that’s why, although I am 73, my passion is to keep on being faithful as long as I have my mind. And as long as I am able, I know that there’s no retirement in the time of war. And I am going to be on the front lines for Jesus Christ. And I don’t intend to be standing there by myself. That’s why I’m here with you. I intend for you and me to be together as God’s special forces. So listen to what He says to Isaiah. Take it home to your heart because there is a message for you and for me today and tomorrow. He first of all tells him, **“...Not to walk in the way of [the] people....” (Isaiah 8:11)** Now you and I live in a society that is saying, “Come over here. Walk with me. Think like I think. Talk like I talk. Act like I act. Dress like I dress. Love the same things that I do and I will embrace you. Why? Because you’re just like me.” And God is saying, [Look, I don’t want you, Isaiah, walking the way the people walk. I don’t want you to walk like them. I don’t want you to say what they’re saying, because what they’re saying is, ‘It’s a conspiracy. It’s a conspiracy. It’s a conspiracy. They’re out to get us. This is going to happen. This is going to happen.’] (PARAPHRASE, Isaiah 8:12) He says, “Oh stop it. I don’t want you saying, ‘This is a conspiracy.’ I want you to know what I am saying and know that this is what is going to happen. No matter what you hear, no matter whether you hear about this terrorist attack or that terrorist attack or this plot or that plot, you are not to be shaken. Your heart is not to be tossed like a tree in the wind.” You are to become, as God told

Ahaz to be— you are to believe so that you will be established and you are to stand firm. (PARAPHRASE Isaiah 7:9) Why? God's in control. He's even going to scatter and shatter the nations. God's in control. So don't be panicked saying, "This is a conspiracy!" Do you know what? You don't have to fear a thing, except you have to fear One and that is God. And to fear God is to trust Him. It is to know who He is and to respect Him as God, and honor Him as God and trust Him so that you're not **"...tossed to and fro...[by] every wind of doctrine...."** (Ephesians 4:14, KJV) So he says, [Don't say and don't call it a conspiracy.] (PARAPHRASE Isaiah 8:12) He says, **"...In regard to all [the things] that [the] people [talk about as] a conspiracy, and you are not to fear what they fear...."** Have you got it? **"...Or be in dread of it."** (Isaiah 8:12) You are not to fear. You say, "Well, how do I stop fearing?" Well he tells you in the next verse, in verse 13. **"It is the Lord of hosts whom you should regard as holy...."** (Isaiah 8:13) By the way, in verse 12 and verse 13 he is not using "you" in the singular. He's using "you" in the plural. Why? Because there's Isaiah and there are his disciples. They're mentioned later. You know what? There's you and there's me. And you and I have determined that we're going to walk by faith. You and I have determined that we're going to drink from the fountain of living waters, (See Jeremiah 2:13) that we're not going to hew out cisterns. You and I have determined that we are going to be set apart, that we're going to be different, that we're going to be God's Special Forces. And it's God alone that we will fear and that will keep us strong and steadfast and immovable and always abounding of the work of the Lord. I'm so proud of you and I'm so proud to be standing with you and beside you for Him.