

Isaiah Chapter 65:4-25

Homework

Key points to remember:

- Pray before you begin - Ask the Holy Spirit to give you spiritual wisdom and knowledge of what He wants to speak to you through this lesson! (Psalm 119:12) Listen to what He says, hanging on to all of His words- sit at His feet and tell Him you want all of Him, to know Him more and to understand His truths more and more!
- Copy and paste Isaiah chapter 65 into a word document, and space out the verses (so you can write on the paper) and print it out
- You will need a separate journal and colored pencils and a three ring binder (if you don't already have them)
- Always ask the who, what, when, where, why, and how of every bit of context you read! (I will walk you through this on day one)
- ONLY use the commentaries for historical, geographical and cultural questions- focus on listening to what the Spirit teaches you through the Word!!
- **Your study time will be challenged by the enemy, he does not want you to know, experience, apply and live the truth of God's Word! He is the father of lies and he will distract in any way he can to get you to not study for yourself because he knows the truth will set you free! Persevere and don't stop!! (1 John 5:4-5)**

Day 1

- Read Chapter 65
- Mark all references to Israel (you can choose how you mark each word or person how you choose- just make sure you mark it the same way each time you come across it or a reference to it..for example - draw a circle, triangle or rectangle around it)
- Mark all references to God or Lord
- Mark all references to what God offers or what God does (underline or highlight in a certain color etc)

- Mark all phrases to "nation" , or "servants"
- Mark all references to time (day, year etc)
- Mark all references to anything that implies sin- or life without God!
- Bonus: Mark all conjunctions that link thoughts together, such as: And, but, for, nor, Therefore, since, and so that!(If this bogs you down, skip it- this helps to separate thoughts so they can be broken down easier!)
- Come up with a chapter theme for what you think these chapters are about?

Day 2

- Read chapter 65
- Review verses 1-3 of chapter 65- who is speaking and to whom? What does rebellion look like according to these verses?
- We discussed a bit about rebellion in Bible study and as we go through the following verses, I want you to pull out the examples the text gives of rebellion. As you look at the examples ask the Lord to reveal any rebellion in your own heart that mirrors the heart of Israel.
- In verse 4 and 5, what do you see in how Israel rebelled? Knowing that these are examples of how God has set Israel apart and they are taking the very way in which they were set apart through the law and using it for their own personal gain- How can this compare to your own life?
- Read Ephesians 5:8-17 slowly - making a note of all the ways we are called to walk. Then spend time asking the Lord to show you how you walk and why you walk that way. Is there anything that needs to change in the way you walk? What?

- I am going to shorten the question this week on your homework days so that you can really spend time evaluating your heart in the area of rebellion and then also allowing your heart to be broken by the grace of God! This takes time, this takes work and I pray that as you slowly evaluate your heart that you really see the beauty of what God has for you in the brokenness and even in the stiff neck rebellion that we all face....God will bring about life and beauty through it! Spend time reflecting on that and then in your journal cry out to the Lord, tell Him where you are at, tell Him what is going on!!! Allow Him to speak to you, pour His grace upon you!

Day 3

- Read chapter 65 again
- Look at verse 5 again and then compare it to Luke 18:9-14 and compare it to verse 5 of Isaiah 65. What do you see as the similarities? How does this appear in your own heart? (Not if ;)) As you examine that yuck, what does God want you to do with it?
- Spurgeon said about verse 5, " Those who come with the language of repentance but without the spirit of it." Write down your thoughts of where you see this in you! (Not others ;))
- I had said in Bible study, "the more I know God - the less I know me....then the more I want to know God" write out your thoughts on this. How can you relate and how does this work?
- Read verses 6-7 - what is God saying here about how He will discipline?
- Let's camp here on verse 8, look up the word, "benefit" what do you see?
- We discussed the stiff necked example of myself but now write out the example for yourself? What is your funk? Your rebellion, and hard heart tendencies? Write them out....then look at what God does in verse 8 right after He disciplines...what happens?

- We discussed that the shattering of our hearts has to happen, what comes from that? Just as there is blessing that can come from the shattering of our hearts - (the revelation of our sin, the revelation of our evil deceitfulness, the motivations of our heart)- God then brings forth life!
- Spend time surrendering that hardness little by little, allow God to show who He is in the midst and guys it is time to take our stubbornness and let it melt in the beaming light of God's unfailing and faithful grace!! Spend the remainder of today basing in His love for you!! Give Him your heart - hard as it may be, have you "come to Jesus" time and worship your God!!!

Day 4 and Day 5

- Read Chapter 65 one more time
- Based on everything you have looked at in this chapter, what does this tell you about the character of God? Do you believe it?
- Compare verses 9-10 with Matt 24:29-31, what do you see?
- Read Romans 11 and write out what Paul tells us of God's plan for Israel and God's plan for us!
- Read verses 11-12, what do you see about Israel's fruit of rebellion? And what does God say about their destiny?
- Based on verse 12, how does your heart get hard? Where are you at personally on these? Spend time here really seeking the Lord in a spirit of repentance and allow the forgiveness and grace of God to remind you that you are loved and you are forgiven!! Let your heart break my sweet sister in Christ...it is ok to let your heart break!!! He can be trusted with it!!!
- Look at verses 13-14, who is "My servants?" And who is "you?"
- What does this tell you personally? And stop here and praise the Lord for making a way for you as a gentile to bask in all He has given us!!

- Who is God talking about in verse 15? Look up Acts 11:26 and record what you see!! ISN'T THIS AWESOME!!!?? I LOVE THIS!!
- Verses 16-25 transition to a new hope for Israel - what is to come! Look up "New heave and New Earth" in your Blue Letter Bible app- or search what you find in scripture on that and compare with these verses- take one verse at a time and dissect it yourself! Learn everything you can on the subject and the timeline of the future fulfillment of prophecy that is to come! Where are we on this timeline?
- Spend the remainder of this week looking into Biblical prophecy - look at what is going on in the world news- if you are on facebook, look up "Behold Israel" get informed about what is going on!!! Then get excited our groom and redeemer is coming soon!!!
- For further study Look up 2 Tim 3, Matthew 24, Luke 21, 1 Tim. 4, Revelation 3:3, 2 Peter 3. Start with these and just look at what the Word of God says it will be like in the last days! Then compare to the days we are in! As you do this, this should not be fearful or anxious for you, it should be exciting for the time is getting closer to see our Savior and God face to face, and for those who have yet to receive Christ as their personal Lord and Savior - it should drive us to our knees for them with an urgency like never before...and a boldness to share Jesus like never before!! Ladies, we need to as scripture says...long for His appearing!! And as you express to those around you how you long for the appearing of Jesus Christ, I pray it creates a curiosity in them that will not be quenched by anything or anyone but JESUS!!!!
- Will you dedicate to pray with me?

Isaiah 55:10-12

"10"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; 11So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. 12"For you will go out with joy And be led

forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you, And all the trees of the field will clap their hands...."