

Isaiah Chapter 66:1-3

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 66 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 66
- 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 66:1-3
- Review verses 1-3 of chapter 66- who is speaking and to whom? What does He say in general?
- Just look at verse 1, write out what this verse means? Write what you discover in you “Who is God” journal!
- In class we talked about how God ends chapter 65 talking about the eternal, the things to come in the New Heaven and New Earth as well as the Millennial time period..He immediately switches to the practical..in both topics He is so amazing to get our perspective right!! How does your perspective change when reading verse 1?

- Based on verse 1, answer this question: What in the world could we offer God by building for God or doing for God? How do you personally try to do just that? What is the source of your striving? (This is a very deep question so really take time on it, look at the fruit of your life, ministry, home etc...look at the areas where there is striving for instead of “doing” out of a response of God’s love, forgiveness, and redemption?)
- Spend the remainder of today meditating on these profound truths:”when we see God in His rightful place, we then can see us in ours.” This next one is from last week, but think about in the context of your study today: “The more I know God- the less I know me (who I thought I was, because the real me is being exposed) The more I want to know God”

Day 3

- Read chapter 66:1-3 again
- Look at verse 2, what do you see about God in the beginning of the verse? Write that in your “Who is God journal”
- In your Blue Letter Bible app (in you need help with this please email me I will show you) look up the words “look”, “humble”, “contrite spirit”, “trembles” record what you find!
- What does it mean for God to “look” upon? What is He looking for?
- Do a word study (search these words in your Blue Letter Bible app or even google “scriptures on humility” and record those) on “humble” or “humility” and look up some of the verses you find along with:
 - Psalm 25:9

- Chronicles 7:14
 - Ephesians 4:13
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- Do a word study (search these words in your Blue Letter Bible app or even google “scriptures on contrite of Spirit” and record those) on “contrite Spirit” and look up some of the verses you find
 - We are going to take the rest of today looking at this quote by Rosaria Butterfield that was so powerful for me when I read it and so powerful last night as the Holy Spirit ministered to all of us about this profound, life changing truth!! She said, “We as Christians need to learn how to hate our sin without hating ourselves” WOW!! SO vital- everything we see and everything we do is through a lease of how we see ourselves and it that truth is not based on the TRUTH of God’s Word and how He views us - we are not going to be able to operate in freedom like He longs for us to operate in!!
 - So, where are you in your belief of how God see’s you? Do you identity yourself by your sin? Do you knowreally know that your sin is NOT who you are?
 - We talked about how we are made in God’s image...how did that discussion effect you? How did that help conform you mind to truth of what God see’s over the lies of what you may see, or the lies of what you think God thinks of you?
 - These questions and concepts are so penetrating and deep- spend today journaling out the answers and let the Spirit of God minister deeply to you! Let Him overwhelm you with His Presence!! Then praise Him for His Grace!!! We are desperate for Him!! Tell Him that!

Day 4 and Day 5

- Read Chapter 66 one more time
- Look at verse 2 again, Do a word study (search these words in your Blue Letter Bible app or even google “scriptures on trembling at God’s Word” and record those) on “tremble at God’s Word” and look up some of the verses you find along with:
 - Hebrews 4:12
 - 2 Tim. 3:16-17
 - Psalm 119:9, 105
 - Luke 11:28
 - Matt 4:4
- What are your thoughts on verse 2 alone? How have you maybe made your relationship with God more complicating then that?
- Isn't it beautiful that the truth really like James said, “seek the Lord with your whole heart and He will be found” when we earnestly seek God, we will find God!! He does not play games! We just need to be willing to know our need and walk in obedience to His Word! Stop right now write out your praise the Lord!
- Spurgeon said, “They tremble at the searching power of God's Word. Do you never come into this place and sit down in the pew, and say, 'Lord, grant that thy Word may search me and try me, that I may not be deceived'? Certain people must always have sweets and comforts; but God's wise children do not wish for these in undue measure. Daily bread we ask for, not daily sugar.” Wow, how does this challenge you? Write out your response!
- We ended Bible study at the start of verse 3, read it and write out what it means!
- Then look up Hosea 6:6 and write it out- compare it with verse 3, then compare it against your heart, your fruit! What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you?

- Spend the remainder of this time in prayer, maybe in confession and repentance, and really as you walk away from your quiet time- live it in freedom! Your God has done all the work for you, you just need to receive His grace, live in His grace, and praise Him, praise Him, praise Him! Ladies, we need to know our need and as we know our need, we RUN to the only ONE who can fulfill that need in Himself- Christ Jesus - as Paul said in 2 Cor. 2:2 "for I am determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" because that is all that matters!! Be blessed this week! It is so beautiful when we live in our true identity- daughter of the most High King!!

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...."