

YOUR JOURNEY TO JESUS

Bible Study Group



He Changes the Hearts and
Minds of All Who Receive Him

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Isaiah 51: The Lord Comforts Zion; God's Fury Is Removed

Good morning, welcome to our Sunday morning Bible Study. This morning, we begin our study of Isaiah 51. This chapter provides a sense of comfort, encouragement, and promise for all those who fear the Lord our God, and keep His commandments. Even though we journey through the darkness of this world, there is still light available to those who walk in darkness and have not yet comprehended the light ([John 1:1-5](#); [Ephesians 5:8-17](#)). The topics we will be reading and discussing include the following:

1. The Lord comforts Zion (verse 1-16)

- Those who follow after righteousness (Verses 1-3)
- God's people (verses 4-6)
- Those who know righteousness (verses 7-10)
- The return of the ransomed (verses 11-13)
- Those who are prisoners will soon be set free (verses 14-16)

2. God's fury is removed (verses 17-23)

In this chapter, God speaks through the prophet Isaiah to comfort those who are sincerely striving; those who pursue righteousness and continually seek the Lord. As believers in Christ, we deeply understand this. We know that we have not yet reached our final destination, but we press on; understanding that we must continue to strive, pursue, and seek the Lord our God ([Psalm 105:3-10](#); [1 Timothy 6:11-16](#)).

This is the faith we hold on to in the midst of the fight, a faith that is steadfast; a faith that produces the strength, perseverance, and endurance that leads us into the final victory. Because of this, we never limit the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us. It is not reserved only for those who appear to be striving. Instead, we extend God's invitation to His Salvation to all, knowing that His grace and mercy reaches much further than human effort ever could ([James 5:7-12](#); [2 Corinthians 5:18-21](#); [Isaiah 61:1-3](#)).

Even though there are many who have lost hope and given up, the Lord will call on those whom He has equipped to go and minister His truth to them, to fan the embers of hope that may still be warm within their souls so that the small flame may be ignited once again into a perpetual fire in His temple ([Ephesians 4:8-16](#); [1 Corinthians 3:16-17](#); [2 Corinthians 5:1-5](#)).

Let us continue to pray for one another, encourage one another, bear one another's burdens, and reach out to all nations ([James 5:13-20](#); [Galatians 6:1-7](#); [Matthew 28:18-20](#)). May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; may the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

The Lord Gives Power to the Weak

- [Isaiah 40:28-31](#) (He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength)
- [Philippians 4:11-13](#) (I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content)
- [Matthew 11:28-30](#) (Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest)
- [Hebrews 4:11-13](#) (Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience)
- [Romans 5:1-5](#) (We also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope)
- [2 Corinthians 4:7-18](#) (But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us)
- [Isaiah 60:1-2](#) (Arise, shine; for your light has come)
- [1 Timothy 6:6-10](#) (Now godliness with contentment is great gain)

Hold Fast to Your Faith

- [Hebrews 10:23-31](#) (Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful)
- [2 Timothy 1:13-18](#) (Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus)
- [Romans 4:1-24](#); [Hebrews 11:1-40](#) (By faith they overcame)
- [Romans 1:16-17](#) (I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes)
- [Hebrews 5:12-14](#) (For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God)

There Is Light Still In the Earth, For Now

- [Daniel 2:22](#) (He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with Him)
- [John 8:12](#) (Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, I am the light of the world. He who

follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life)

- [1 Peter 2:9-10](#) (Proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light)
- [Matthew 5:14-16](#) (You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden)
- [Psalm 119:105,130](#) (Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple)
- [1 John 1:5-7](#) (This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all)
- [Matthew 6:33-34](#) (But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness)
- [Psalm 37:5-6](#) (He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday)

We Are In This World, But We Are Not of This World

- [2 Corinthians 6:14-18](#) (Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness)
- [Jeremiah 1:4-10](#) (Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you,” says the Lord)
- [Psalm 37:1-40](#) (Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity)
- [Matthew 13:24-30,36-43](#) (The parable of the tares)
- [John 17:14-18](#) (I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world)
- [1 John 2:15-17](#) (Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him)

God Sent Forth His Son

- [Zechariah 2:8-13](#) (Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord, for He is aroused from His holy habitation)
- [Galatians 4:1-7](#) (But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son)
- [Matthew 21:33-44](#) (The parable of the wicked vinedressers)
- [Jeremiah 23:1-8](#) (Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture, says the Lord)

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and King

- [Matthew 24:36-44](#) (For the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect)
- [Revelation 22:6-19](#) (Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book)
- [1 Peter 4:7-11](#) (But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers)

- [Revelation 1:7-8](#) (Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him)
- [1 John 2:28-29](#) (And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming)
- [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#) (For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God)
- [2 Thessalonians 2:1-4](#) (Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition)
- [Matthew 16:27-28](#) (For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works)
- [2 Peter 3:10-13](#) (But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night)
- [John 16:8-15](#) (And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment)

From the Beginning, Evil Has Attempted to Suppress Righteousness

- [Genesis 4:1-8](#) (If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door)
- [Zechariah 13:7-9](#) (Arise, O sword)
- Psalm 119:147-148 (I wake up early in the morning and cry out He pleads through us)
- [Romans 9:30-33](#) (Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith)
- [Romans 1:18-32](#) (For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness)