



Sanctification and Fear

Isaiah 8:11-23

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**Vv11-15: Special Instructions for Isaiah
from the LORD.**

**Sanctification: Be Set Apart from your
culture**

**Vv16-23: Isaiah's Response to the
Instructions.**

The Sufficiency of Divine Revelation

Structure of Isaiah's Message

11 Forceful message from the Lord

12 Command not to fear

13 Command to fear

**14-15 Rock of Sanctuary and
Stumbling**

16 Isaiah's Command in response

**17a Isaiah's application regarding fear:
wait**

17b Forceful waiting by Isaiah

V11: Summary of the LORD's Message

**¹¹For thus He spoke, YHWH, to me
according to strength of the hand
And He was instructing me from walking
in the road of this people, saying,**

- **The summary message sets Isaiah apart from the people.**
- **This is the essence of sanctification.**

V12: Interpretation of Current Events: Negative Command

**¹²You (pl) are not going to say ‘Conspiracy’
with everything which it is saying, this
people, conspiracy.**

**And its fear you (pl) will not fear (mora)
and you (pl) will not dread(aratz).”**

V 13: Interpretation of Current Events: Positive Command

**¹³YHWH of the Armies—HE (DO) you (pl)
will make holy (Hifil imperfect 2mp)
PAUSE**

**And HE (emphatic pronoun) ___your fear
and HE (emphatic pronoun) your dread.”**

*V14a: Interpretation of Current
Events: Positive Result*

¹⁴And so He will be for a sanctuary (holy place
= miqdash)

Vv14b-15: Some Other Names of Jesus

^{14b}and for a **stone of collision (EVEN NEGEPH)**
and for a **rock of stumbling (TSUR MiKASHUL)**
for both houses of Israel a **trapping net (LEPHAQ)**
and a **wooden snare (MOQUESH)** to him who
dwells in Jerusalem.

¹⁵And they will **stumble (KASHAL, qal pf 3mp)** in
them, many **PAUSE**

And they will **fall (NAPHAL)** and they **will be**
broken (SHABAR) and they will be snared
(YAQOSH) and they **will be caught (LAKAD)**”

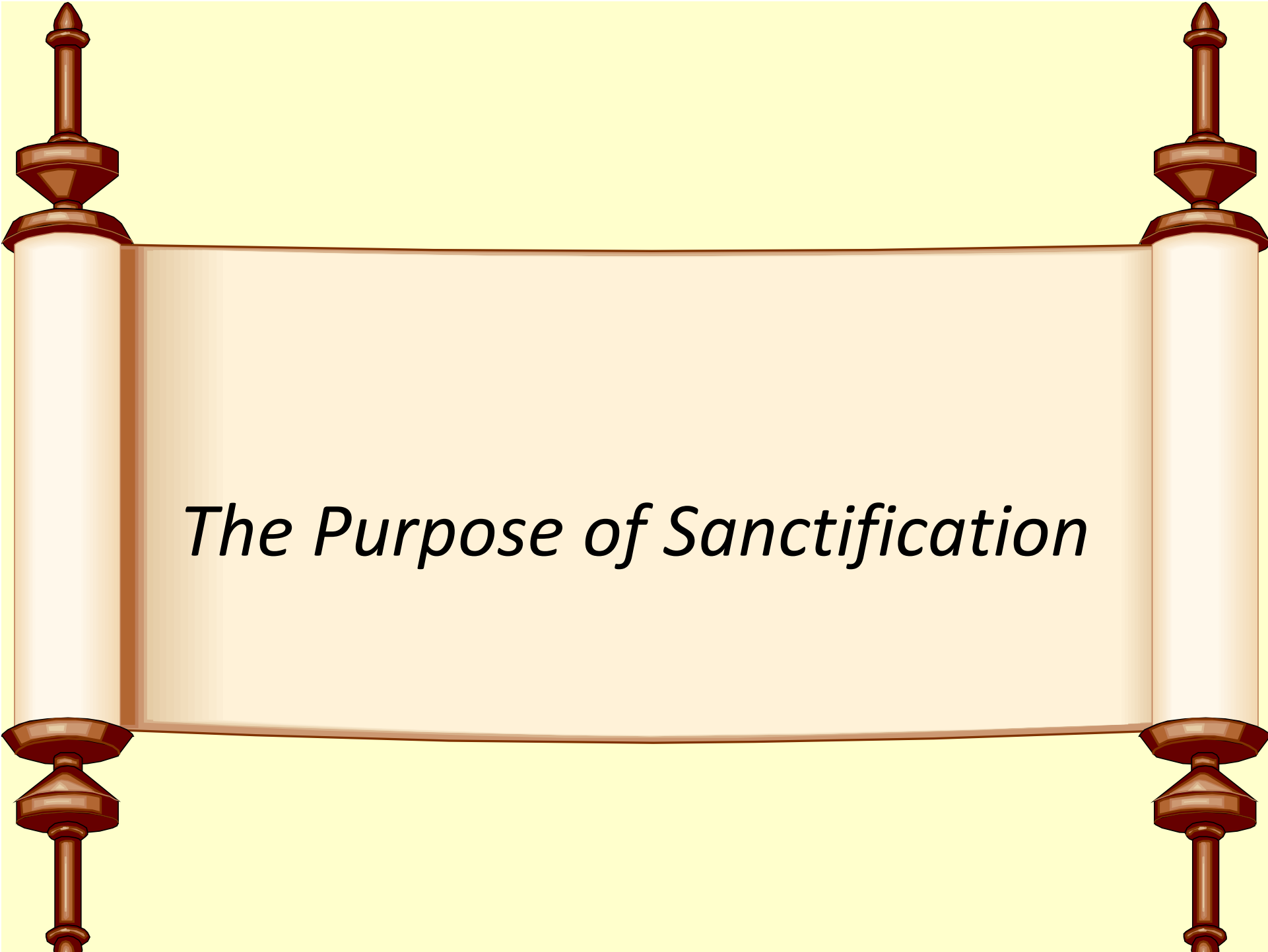
V16: The Joke's On The Rebellious

¹⁶Bind up the testimony!

**Seal up the teaching (TORAH) among my
learners!**

**¹⁷And so I will wait (CHAKAH) for the
LORD WHO is hiding (SATAR) His face
from the house of Jacob...**

**And I will powerfully wait (QAVAH) for
Him.**

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¹⁸Behold I (emphatic pronoun) and the children which He has given to me, YHWH, *are* for signs (OT) and wonders (MOPHETH) in Israel

From the company of the LORD of the Armies who resides on Mt Zion.

*Summary Message that concludes
the Immanu El prophecy:*

**God requires holiness for fellowship with Him,
which means He must set us apart from
unrighteousness and advance us in the
experience of His righteousness for the
purpose of communicating Himself to others
through us.**

The Challenge for the Believer being Sanctified

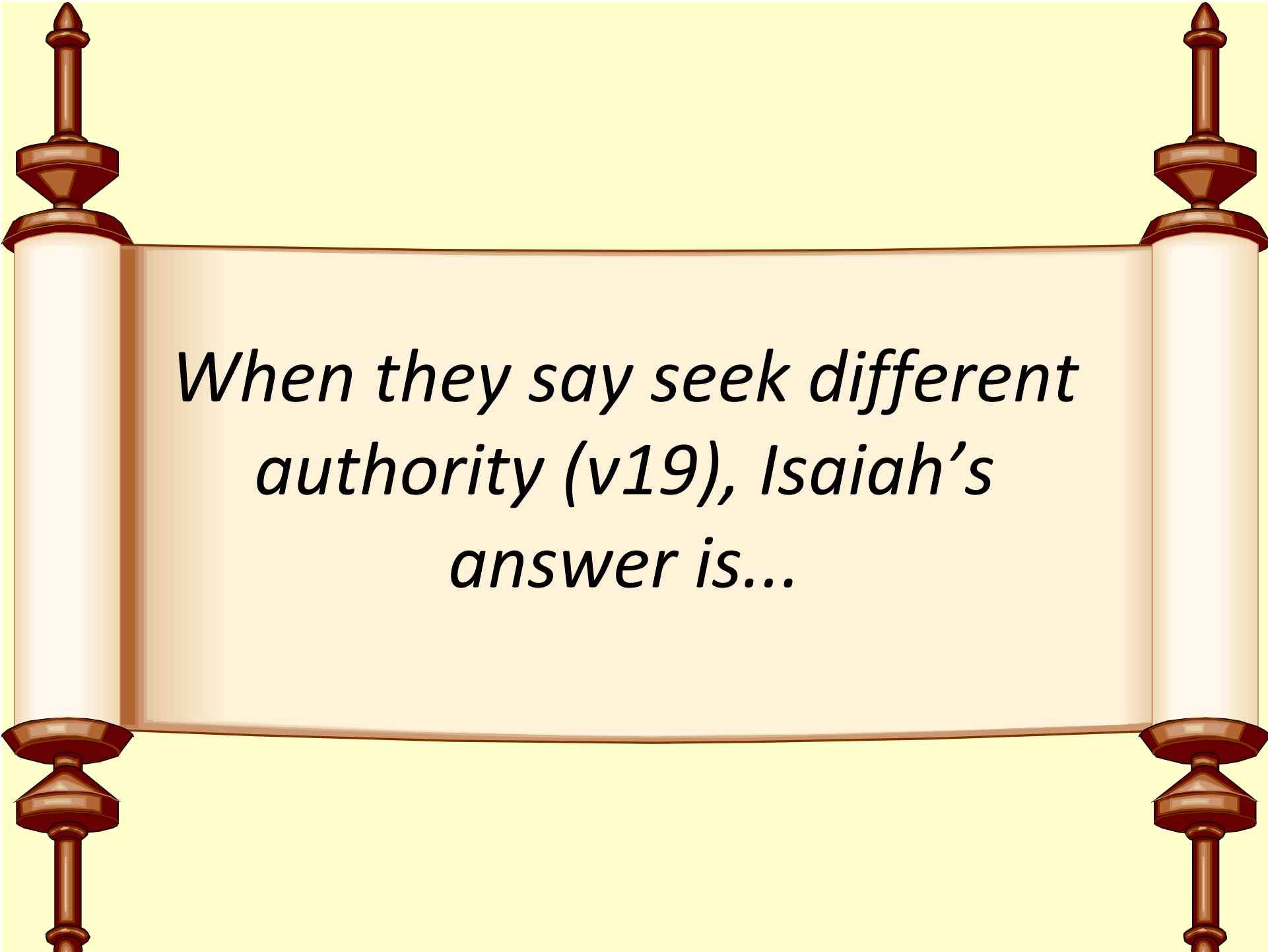
19 And when they say to you, “Seek out the spiritists and the demon-possessed oracles, who twitter and mutter, should not a people their gods seek out? For the benefit of the living *should they not go to the dead?!*”

Mediums and Spiritists

- **Expressly forbidden in the Law: Lev 19:31; 20:6, 27; Dt 18:9-14**
- **Always, this is a matter of sanctification to YHWH.**
- **What is wrong with going for extra-Biblical supernatural knowledge?**

What is the issue in Knowledge?

- **This is about sufficiency.**
- **God has given REVELATION through Isaiah and his sons – “signs and wonders.”**
- **Instead of listening to God’s designated man, the people wanted to go to a different supernatural authority.**
- **Yet the information that saves and blesses is from Isaiah and his sons.**

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*When they say seek different
authority (v19), Isaiah's
answer is...*

The WORD is Enough.

**20 To the teaching! And to the testimony!
If they do not speak in accordance with
these words, *it is* because there is not for
them dawn.**

v20: A Motif of Darkness

**20 To the teaching! And to the testimony!
If they, the teaching and testimony, do not
speak in accordance with this message
from the culture surrounding you, *it is*
because there is not to it
illumination/dawn.**

The Sufficiency of Scripture and Your Life

- **Observation: There cannot be a stronger message on the sufficiency of Scripture than that of Isaiah 8-9!**
- **The problem in Isaiah's day and ours is PERCEPTION.**
- **Everyone can perceive a problem.**
- **However, no one really understands the cause of the problem.**

The PROTOCOL Test

- **Principle: God communicates according to His sovereign will, according to His protocol.**
- **He forbids the use of non-protocol “sources” of knowledge.**
- **Any claim of independence from God’s self-revelation in His Creation and Word is Satanic and therefore anti-God.**
- **So do not listen to pagans.**

The Satanic Emphasis

- **When you become the standard of truth and reality instead of the Word of God, you are functioning as an enemy of the Cross in the energy of the flesh.**
- **This self-focus is the opposite of “yielding your members to God as instruments of righteousness.”**
- **Therefore all humanist psychology and philosophy are out.**

Darkness Described

**21 And they will pass through it (the land)
dejected and famished**

**And so it will be that when they are
famished**

**They will infuriate themselves and curse
their king and their gods and turn their
faces upwards.**

Darkness Sown, Darkness Reaped

22 And at the land they will look

**And Behold: distress and darkness! Gloom
of adversity!**

And to darkness they will be driven

**23 (9:1) But *there will remain* no gloom like
her *present* distress**

**Whereas in the first time He cursed the
land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,**

Later on He will make glorious

**The road of the sea on the other side of the
Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.**

The Resolution of the Ruler

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Gloom of **adversity!**

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The people who walk in **darkness**

Will see a great light

Those who live in a death-shadowed land

The Light will shine on them

