

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, February 5, 2023

Passage: Isaiah 33:1-24

Memory Passage: Isaiah 33:5-6

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 33:1-24.** Read the entire chapter several times today, taking note of (1) repeated words, phrases, or ideas, (2) connecting words (i.e., and, but, for, then, etc.), (3) who is speaking and spoken to, (4) major divisions in the text, (5) fulfillment time (i.e., present [as in Isaiah's day], near future, far future), (6) commands, and anything else the text presents.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 33:1-9.** To whom is the “woe” (v. 1, ESV “Ah”) addressed, and of what does it warn?

(b) Explain the prayer (v. 2), praise (vs. 3-6), and lamentation (vs. 7-9), how they tie together, and how they connect to the woe of v. 1 and the response of Yahweh beginning in v. 10.

(c) Though no nations or people are specifically named, can you think of a situation in Isaiah's day that fits the description found in vs. 7-9?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 33:10-16.** What will Yahweh do (v. 10; cf. v. 3b)? What does this entail?

(b) Who is spoken of and what is being described in v. 11, and what will Yahweh do in response (v. 12)?

(c) How do Yahweh's people respond to His rising (v. 14a), what questions do they ask (v. 14b), how are they answered (v. 15), and what are the results of those who respond to Yahweh in righteousness (v. 16)? Be specific in your description of the righteous life required of those who can dwell with Yahweh and the results of this kind of holy life.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Is. 33:17-24.** To what time do these verses refer? Defend your answer from the text.
- (b) Who is “the king,” what “land” is mentioned, and are they different from or the same as the description in vs. 20-22? Support your answer from the text.
- (c) Explain the situation upon which their “heart(s) will muse” and why this is important in the flow of vs. 17-24.
- (d) Explain the metaphor of the “immovable tent” (v. 20) and the nautical metaphors of vs. 21 and 23.
- (e) What do these metaphors teach you about Zion/Jerusalem and the presence and defense of “Yahweh in majesty” (v. 21a) as “judge, lawgiver, and king” (v. 22)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Is. 33:1-24.** Read and meditate on Is. 33:14-16, Ps. 15:1-5, and 24:3-6. In what ways do these verses convict you, and of what do you need to repent? In what way do they encourage you? How does the rule and reign of the King fuel your obedience (consider Is. 33:2, 5-6, 16, 20-22, 24)?
- (b) What about your King is “beautiful” (v. 17)? Explain His beauty and how it fuels your worship, obedience, and joy.
- (c) Isaiah 33:21 explains that in the New Jerusalem, God and Christ (both are Yahweh) will be “for us” “in majesty,” and no enemy can enter, no matter the majesty or power, and v. 22 explains why this is true. Explain each of the titles (judge, lawgiver, king) and how each explains how God will be perfectly and forever “for us.”

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Behold the King in His Beauty