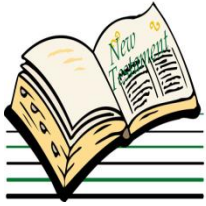


## Sermon Notes



Title: "The Gospel in Isaiah: Where You Are Now and Where You Will Be"

Text: Isaiah 1:1-2:5

Theme: The Gospel shows you where you are right now - either trusting and repenting or forsaking and rebelling. The Gospel also shows you where you will be - either with Christ in the exalted mountain of the LORD and eating the best of the land, or devoured by the sword of sin and alone.

### Introductory Material

#### I. Outline of Isaiah

- I. The Good News \_\_\_\_\_ with Bad News of \_\_\_\_\_ During the Assyrian Period (1-39)
  - A. Sermons of Judgment on \_\_\_\_\_ (1-12)
  - B. Sermons of Judgment on Surrounding \_\_\_\_\_ (13-27)
  - C. Sermons Relating to the Assyrian \_\_\_\_\_ (28-35)
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_ Account of the Assyrian Invasion (36-39)
  
- II. The Good News of Hope \_\_\_\_\_ with Some \_\_\_\_\_ News During the Babylonian Period (40-66)
  - A. God's \_\_\_\_\_ to Restore (40-48)
  - B. God's \_\_\_\_\_ of Restoration (49-53)
  - C. God's \_\_\_\_\_ of Restoration (54-66)

#### II. Exposition of Isaiah 1:1-2:5

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ Against Unrighteousness and Injustice (1:2-15)
  
- B. Call to \_\_\_\_\_ (1:16-20)
  
- C. Announcement of \_\_\_\_\_ (1:21-31)
  
- D. A \_\_\_\_\_ at God's People on Earth (2:1-5)

#### III. Applications

- A. The good news from God cannot be fully \_\_\_\_\_ apart from an \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- B. The Church is never \_\_\_\_\_ the need for \_\_\_\_\_. The Gospel is just as much for the \_\_\_\_\_ as it is for the \_\_\_\_\_.

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. What is the Gospel?
2. Where is the real battleground in life?
3. Who was Isaiah?
4. Approximately how long did Isaiah minister as a prophet?
5. What was Isaiah's central message to the kings of Judah?
6. What nation was on the rise during the time that Isaiah delivered his sermons? What nation would eclipse this nation and take the southern kingdom of Judah into exile?
7. God indicts Israel for their sin and compares them to what animals known for their stubbornness and supposed stupidity (1:3)?
8. What is the spiritual condition of the nation of southern Israel (1:4-9)?
9. What does God through Isaiah call the nation to do (1:16-17)?
10. As God announces judgment on the nation, what will happen to those who repent of their sinfulness (1:27)? What will happen to those who refuse to repent (1:28)?
11. What is the future outlook for God's Kingdom (2:2)?
12. What effect will God's Word have on nations and their relations with others (2:3-4)?
13. What was the condition of the nation of Israel at the time Isaiah spoke, and where would they end up?
14. Where do you find Gospel hope in this passage (1:1-2:5)?
15. Who takes the initiative and purifies the nation (1:25-26)?
16. What is the bad news that contrasts with the good news of the Gospel?
17. What New Testament writer shows a similar pattern in the presentation of the Gospel as does Isaiah as he begins this book?
18. What makes worship loathsome in God's sight (see 1:10-15)?
19. What is sin? How do you think society at large reacts to and views the concept of sin? What factors do you think enable people to grasp the nature of human sin? What is necessary in order to understand sin?
20. What are "the last (latter) days" in Scripture? When do you think nations will coexist and war will never again be engaged in?