

Isaiah: *the message of judgment, redemption, and salvation to Israel and the world.*
The time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory. *Isaiah 66:18*

The Grand Themes of Isaiah

1. The otherworldly glory of God, Isaiah 6:1-6, 40:25-26, 44:6

- The vision of the throne of God in the heavenly temple: _____
- The “shekinah” glory of God on earth: _____
- The contrast of our earthly righteousness: _____

2. The abject failure of God’s children, 1:2-4

- “Sons” I have raised: _____
- “Alas, sinful nation: _____
- “They” have abandoned the Lord: _____

3. The call of redemption, 1:18-20, 2:5

- The reasonableness of redemption, of repentance and forgiveness: _____
- The promise or prospect of satisfaction and joy: _____
- The prospect of destruction: _____

4. The call to “righteousness and justice,” 1:16-17

- Comprehending true justice.
 - “Tzedekah:” _____
 - “Dikaiois:” _____
- But not the “justice due me,” 40:27, _____
- The “objective” failure of human righteousness
 - Taking care of ourselves first: _____
 - Concerned primarily with our own appearance of righteousness: _____

5. The Despair of God

- *Alas, sinful nation*, 1:4, _____
- Some day man will *have regard for his maker*, 17:7, _____
- You have forgotten “the God of your salvation,” 17:10, _____

6. The Desire of God

- To openly love and cherish us:
 - *Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you*, 30:18, _____
- To be honored as God by us:
 - *I will not give my glory to another*, 42:8, _____

7. The Divine intervention: the Messiah

- 7:14-16: The sign of the incarnation. _____
- 9:1-7: The end of oppression. _____
- 11:5, 16:5: The righteous judge. _____
- 50:5-6, 52:13-53:12: The atonement of the world, the suffering one. _____

8. The forgotten God, the perpetual warning

- 17:10, the lure of “other” gods. _____
- 51:13, the fear of abandonment, of not knowing we have a protector. _____

The final reality, the thread that runs through the entire text of Isaiah is that God is ultimately the one who will do everything: will finish his work, complete judgment, and accomplish redemption. Despite the attempts of mankind to redefine and reposition Him in their picture of the world, the Lord God, Yahweh, will be revealed in the end as creator, sustainer, judge, and redeemer.

Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation. *Isaiah 25:9*