

We will begin the sixteenth lecture on Isaiah. / Today we will begin with chapter 64. / The title of this chapter is "Prayer."

/First, prayer for God's appearance like in the past. / Verses 1-4. / Second, God helps those who do right and remember his ways. / Verse 5a.

/Third, confession of sins and repentance. / Verses 5b-7. / Fourth, the reason why God saves the people of Judah. / Verses 8-12.

/Read Isaiah 64:1-2. / Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!

/Isaiah recalled the time God appeared at Mount Sinai. / He prayed that God would judge the enemies with his great power.

/God will come down as the judge. / God would appear fiercely, like fire that sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil. / The enemies will be frightened and fall before him. / Then God's name will be lifted high.

/Verse 3. / For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

/The judgment of God is greater than we can perceive. / Therefore, foreigners are afraid. / Also, God would deliver the Israelites.

/It says, "the mountains trembled before you." / Great powers that are like mountains will surrender before God. / Life and death, and fortunes and misfortunes are all in the hands of God. / The rise and fall of nations are in God's hands.

/Verse 4. / Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

/God delivered and led the Israelites in the past. / God saved those who hoped in him. / God will

judge all nations. / For example, Sodom and Gomorrah were judged by God for their sins.

/God judged the Egypt with ten plagues. / Thus, people saw God's great works. / God is the only true God.

/Verse 5. / You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved?

/God remembers those who are righteous. / He helps them. / God remembers and helps those who obey his words. / Blessed are those who obey God. / On the other hand, God becomes angry when people commit sins.

/Verse 6. / All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

/Everyone is sinner in the eyes of God. / Even if we act righteously, we are all like dirty rags before God. / We are like leaves that shrivel up.

/We all are sinners. / We are inherently corrupted. / No matter how ethical we are, our acts cannot be considered righteous before God. / Romans 3:11-12

/We are fundamentally wicked and unjust. / Therefore, we cannot avoid God's judgment. / Therefore, we become righteous through faith in Jesus.

/Verse 7. / No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins.

/The people of Judah left God because of their sins. / They did not seek God. / Then they were destroyed by their sins. / They received judgement from God because of it.

/Verse 8. / Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

/The prophet Isaiah prayed on behalf of Judah. / Judah was like clay. / God was like the potter. /

God is the Creator. / God is also the father of the people of Israel.

/Therefore, we must humbly hope in and rely on God. / We are nothing but creations before God. / Therefore, we must seek God the Father.

/Verse 9. / Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

/The prophet Isaiah prayed to God. / He prayed, “Do not be angry because our sins.” / “Please do not remember our sins forever.” / He repented with all his heart.

/Verse 10. / Your sacred cities have become a desert; even Zion is a desert, Jerusalem a desolation.

/The sacred cities became like the desert. / Thus, the name of the Lord was looked down on by foreigners. / Therefore, the prophet Isaiah prayed earnestly before God.

/Even in today’s time, we must be sorry and groan over our churches for becoming more and more corrupted. / We must be remorseful that churches fail to be built on the truth.

/Verse 11. / Our holy and glorious temple, where our fathers praised you, has been burned with fire, and all that we treasured lies in ruins.

/The temple where people worshiped God was burned in fire. / Thus, Isaiah called out to God in anguish.

/Verse 12. / After all this, O LORD, will you hold yourself back? Will you keep silent and punish us beyond measure?

/The prophet Isaiah prayed that God would have mercy. / He prayed that God would have mercy on Jerusalem and the temple for his name. / He prayed that God would save Jerusalem.

/He prayed that God would save the believers. / We too must repent and pray as Isaiah did. / We must pray with all our hearts for God’s kingdom and church.

/We will continue to Isaiah chapter 65. / The title of this chapter is “New Heavens and a New Earth.”

/First, strangers who did not seek God begin to seek him. /Verse 1. / Second, the people of Judah who worship formally will be judged. /Verses 2-7. / Third, God destroys the idolaters and leaves the holy seed. / Verses 8-12.

/Fourth, God punishes the arrogant and gives grace to his servants. /Verses 13-16. / Fifth, new heavens and a new earth. / Verses 17-25.

/Read 65:1. / “I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, ‘Here am I, here am I.’

/Isaiah prophesied that foreigners would be saved. / In the past, foreigners did not pray to God. / They did not seek God, / and they did not call on God’s name.

/These people would return to God and pray and call on God’s name. / This means that the gospel of Christ would be proclaimed to Gentiles in the New Testament period. / Gentiles would pray to God.

/They would call on God’s name, / and they would be saved by the name of Jesus. / Those who call on the name of the Lord are saved. / When we call on the name of the Lord, God answers, “I am here.” / God saves all who believe in Jesus.

/Verse 2. / All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations—

/The Israelites liked to leave the ways of God. / They walked down the path of destruction. / Still, God still waited for them with open hands. / However, the Israelites did not respond when God called them.

/Therefore, the gospel was given to foreigners. / Foreigners would not be saved. / In the past, Koreans and the Chinese were considered foreigners. / Now, all foreigners receive salvation if they call on the name of Jesus. / Romans 10:19-21.

/Verses 3-4. / a people who continually provoke me to my very face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick; who sit among the graves and spend their nights keeping secret vigil; who eat the flesh of pigs, and whose pots hold broth of unclean meat;

/The people of Judah served idols in many places. / They worshiped idols in secret places. / They also ate pork. / Leviticus 11:7 / In the Old Testament times, they were not allowed to eat pork. / Of course, we are allowed to eat them now in the New Testament period.

/They ate what was unclean in the Old Testament times. / They followed the ways of foreigners. / They followed the customs of foreigners.

/In the same way, we also followed the customs of the world before we believed in Jesus. / However, we must now get rid of all worldly customs because we believe in Jesus.

/Verse 5. / who say, 'Keep away; don't come near me, for I am too sacred for you!' Such people are smoke in my nostrils, a fire that keeps burning all day.

/The Jews boasted of outwardly customs and rituals. / They boasted that they were holy. / However, God does not consider outwardly things important. / God looks at the heart. / God rejoices in the spirit and in truth.

/They pestered God by outwardly worshiping him. / They were like smoke in his nostrils. / They made God angry. / Therefore, we must walk down the road of life and truth.

/Verse 6. / "See, it stands written before me: I will not keep silent but will pay back in full; I will pay it back into their laps—

/God would pay back the people of Judah for their sin of idolatry. / Whoever sins will receive God's judgment and punishment.

/Verse 8. / This is what the LORD says: "As when juice is still found in a cluster of grapes and men say, 'Don't destroy it, there is yet some good in it,' so will I do in behalf of my servants; I will not destroy them all.

/God cuts and throws fruitless branches into the fire. / However, he leaves the branches that bear fruit. /Isaiah 1:9

/It says, “I will bring forth descendants from Jacob.” / This means that God will protect the truthful and faithful believers from among the people of Judah. / Even in today’s time, God preserves and protects the true church and believers.

/Verse 10. / Sharon will become a pasture for flocks, and the Valley of Achor a resting place for herds, for my people who seek me.

/God adds blessings to churches and believers who keep their faith.

/Verse 11. / “But as for you who forsake the LORD and forget my holy mountain, who spread a table for Fortune and fill bowls of mixed wine for Destiny,

/Those who serve idols will be judged by God. / Therefore, we must throw away all idols in us.

/Verse 13. / Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: “My servants will eat, but you will go hungry; my servants will drink, but you will go thirsty; my servants will rejoice, but you will be put to shame.

/Here, “My servants” refer to those who always live for God and for his will. / God abundantly blesses true believers. / However, the wicked will grow hungry and eventually be ashamed.

/Verse 15. / You will leave your name for my chosen ones as a curse; the Sovereign LORD will put you to death, but to his servants he will give another name.

/The wicked among the people of Judah would be judged. / Yet, God will compliment true believers. / God will also call the names of true believers

/It says, “he will give another name.” / For example, we believers have come to be called “Christians.” / Acts 11:26

/Verse 16. / The people of Judah would seek God after they are punished. / Those who once chased after idols would return to God after being punished.

/We must throw away our idols and return to God. / We must seek blessings from the God of truth.

/Verse 17. / “Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

/From verse 16, it shows the Millennial Kingdom that will come after Jesus’ return. / This also symbolizes the spiritual world of salvation. / This is the spiritual world.

/What are the new heavens and a new earth? / It does not mean that the earth and the stars will disappear. / The earth, stars, and sun will remain as they are. / Only, the sinful heavens and earth will be changed.

/Revelation 21:1-5 / It says there in verse 5, “I am making everything new!”

/It says in the passage, “The former things will not be remembered.” / The sinful heavens and earth will all be forgotten. / In the Millennial Kingdom, there will be no Satan. / For a thousand years, Satan will be imprisoned, as it says in Revelation chapter 20.

/We believers will rule as kings in the Millennial Kingdom. / Revelation 21:24-25. / Please refer Revelation chapter 21 about the Millennial Kingdom.

/Verse 18. / But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

/The kingdom will be filled with joy. / We will rule there as kings. / We will rule the people there.

/We will have been transformed into spiritual bodies. / We will have resurrected bodies. / We will rule the people with resurrected bodies. / Revelation 20:24-25

/Verse 20. / “Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.

/We will live a long time like old trees in the Millennial Kingdom. / We will live for almost a thousand years. / The verse says that those who fail to reach a hundred are youths, and are considered accursed. / Hardly anybody will die during the Millennial Kingdom. / There will be no sins.

/Those who fail to live to be a hundred are those who would have died because of their sins before the Millennial Kingdom comes.

/However, most would live for a long time until the Millennial Kingdom comes to an end. / We will be kings in our resurrected bodies. / All the people there are those who would have lived in this world before the Millennial Kingdom came.

/They will continue to have children. / We will reign over them in our spiritual bodies.

/Verse 21. / They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

/The people in the Millennial Kingdom would live peacefully. / There will be no sins. / There will be no illnesses. / There will be no need for hospitals. / God’s glory will fill the place. / The people will live in peace.

/There will be no war, and everyone would live peacefully. / We will rule over them in our spiritual bodies.

/Verse 23. / They will not toil in vain, or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them.

/The people in the Millennial Kingdom will not experience disaster. / Thus, they will not die. / They will not get sick. / They will also continue to have children. / When the Millennial Kingdom comes to an end, the people will fill the entire earth.

/There will be a war between Gog and Magog at the end of the Millennial Kingdom. / Then there will be the great white throne judgment. / Then there is eternal heaven and eternal hell.

/We believers will enter eternal heaven after the Millennial Kingdom. / This is further mentioned in the lecture on Revelation chapter 20.

/Verse 24. / Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.

/God will be with his people. / God will know their every thought. / God will answer before they call. / Revelation 21:22-23

/Verse 25. / The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

/The wolf and lamb will feed together. / The lion will eat straw like the ox. / Even a poisonous serpent will be without poison. / No lion will prey on smaller animals.

/The place will be the restoration of the Garden of Eden. / It will be peaceful. / Isaiah 11:6-9. / Then after the Millennial Kingdom ends, we will enter eternal heaven.

/We will continue with Isaiah chapter 66. / The title of this chapter is "True Worship."

/First, those who God looks on with favor. / Verses 1-2. / Second, God does not accept formalistic sacrifices / Verses 3-4. / Third, God punishes those who persecute believers. / Verses 5-6.

/Fourth, God will restore Zion and grant abundant grace. / Verses 7-14. / Fifth, God judges the idolaters. / Verses 15-17. / Sixth, the nations will bring offerings to the Lord. / Verses 18-23. / Seventh point, the believers will witness the wicked receive God's judgment. /Verse 24.

/Read verse 1. / This is what the LORD says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be?"

/God's throne is heaven, while the earth is his footstool. / Heaven. / Earth. / God rules over and transcends the whole universe. / Psalm 19:1-4

/The "footstool" is something we stand on with our feet. / 1 Peter 3:10. / God is glorified through his creation. / This earth is God's eternal footstool. / God uses it as his footstool.

/It says, "Where is the house you will build for me?" / God is Spirit. / He dwells among the whole universe. / There is not a place where God does not dwell. / We cannot confine God to a small temple and worship him there.

/Our God is everywhere. / 2 Chronicles 2:6. / It says, "But who is able to build a temple for him, since the heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain him?" / Solomon, after he built the temple, prayed that God would hear his people's prayer from heaven when they prayed in the temple.

/Verse 2. / Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the LORD. "This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.

/God is the Creator of the heavens and the earth. / He is not confined to anything in creation. / Who does God look after? / There are three that are mentioned in the verse.

/First, God blesses those who are meek, / who are poor in spirit. / Matthew 5:3 / Luke 6:24-25 / It says that there is woe on those who are well fed. / 1 Timothy 6:17 / We must we humble in heart even if we are rich in the world. / We must have humble hearts before God.

/Second, blessed are those who are contrite in spirit. / These are those who repent. / God comforts those who repent. / 1 Timothy 1:15 / Matthew 5:4 / We must repent of our lack of faith.

/We must repent for not keeping our faith. / We must repent for not meeting the requirements of God. / We must repent because we did not love God more. / Psalm 51:17

/Third, blessed are those who tremble at God's word. / Those who obey God's word do so with trembling. / They consider God's word more valuable than their own lives.

/Abraham obeyed God's word to the point of offering his only son to him. / Moses chose to follow God instead of living in riches in Egypt and with authority as son of the princess.

/Verse 3. /But whoever sacrifices a bull is like one who kills a man, and whoever offers a lamb, like one who breaks a dog's neck; whoever makes a grain offering is like one who presents pig's blood, and whoever burns memorial incense, like one who worships an idol. They have chosen their own ways, and their souls delight in their abominations;

/God does not accept offerings of those who sacrifice with formality. / He does not accept the sacrifices of those who are not humble and contrite in spirit. / God will not accept the sacrifice of oxen if they are offered with formality.

/God said that obedience is better than sacrifice. / He also said that he desires mercy more than offerings.

/Verse 4. / so I also will choose harsh treatment for them and will bring upon them what they dread. For when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, no one listened. They did evil in my sight and chose what displeases me."

/The people of Judah would be tempted because they do not obey God's word. / We will be enslaved by Satan if we leave God's word. / 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12. / Thus, God would treat them harshly once they abandon him.

/Verse 5. / Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at his word: "Your brothers who hate you, and exclude you because of my name, have said, 'Let the LORD be glorified, that we may see your joy!' Yet they will be put to shame.

/Wicked religious leaders drive out true believers. / John 16:2. / 2 Thessalonians 1:6-7. / However, God gives joy to true believers. / God judges those who persecute them. / God will avenge them.

/Verse 7. / "Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son.

/“She” here refers to Zion, and it symbolizes Jerusalem. / In today's time, it symbolizes the church. / It means that Judah will be liberated from Babylon without war. / It says, “before the

pains come upon her, she delivers a son.”/ “Son” here symbolizes the church or the believers.

/The church was established through grace and through the redemption of Jesus Christ. / Believers came to be. / A nation cannot be formed in an instant. / However, Christ’s church was formed in one morning by the power of God.

/Pregnancies and birth are in God’s hands. / This means that God will allow Judah to return from Babylon. / It also means that God will build the church in the New Testament period.

/Therefore, believers must rejoice. / There are no worries. / We received salvation through faith in Jesus. / We have been liberated from sin.

/Verse 11. / For you will nurse and be satisfied at her comforting breasts; you will drink deeply and delight in her overflowing abundance."

/This means that the believers in the New Testament period will abundantly eat God’s holy word. / Those who receive God’s word will be filled with peace that is like a river.

/People from all over the world will return to God. / There will be comfort and peace for those who believe in Jesus.

/Verse 15. / See, the LORD is coming with fire, and his chariots are like a whirlwind; he will bring down his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

/This means that all idolaters will be judged by God. / God would judge those who eat pigs or rats —those who act in abomination. / He would judge the disobedient.

/Verse 18. / "And I, because of their actions and their imaginations, am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see my glory.

/God would judge the corrupted people of Judah. / He would gather the people from all nations and languages and judge them. / He would judge the people of Judah and gather the chosen people from all over the world. / Then they will see God’s glory.

/Foreigners did not know God in the past. / Yet, the chosen people from all over the world will repent and return to God. / They will be saved by their faith. / They will participate in God's glory.

/Verse 19. / "I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations-- to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations.

/When the last plague fell upon Egypt, only the Israelites who put the blood of the lamb on their door frames were saved. / Even in today's time, only those who take refuge in Jesus Christ will be saved. / Several foreign nations are mentioned in the verse.

/It says, "They will proclaim my glory among the nations." / God entrusts believers to preach the gospel in all places in the world. / The gospel will be preached to the ends of the earth.

/Verse 20. / And they will bring all your brothers, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD-- on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels," says the LORD. "They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels.

/The Israelites brought their grain offerings to God. / Like them, the foreigners will give offerings to God in their faith in Christ. / Romans 15:16

/Verse 21. / And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites," says the LORD.

/This means that God would choose workers of the gospel even from among the foreigners. / It means that there will be ministers from among foreign believers.

/Verse 22. / "As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me," declares the LORD, "so will your name and descendants endure.

/The new heavens and the new earth that God makes is eternal. / We believers will live in the new heavens and the new earth forever.

/Verse 23. / From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me," says the LORD.

/Believers from all over the world will come and worship God together in the New Testament times. / Believers from among the Jews will worship God. / Believers from among the foreigners will worship God.

/Verse 24. / "And they will go out and look upon the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind."

/The wicked will ultimately be destroyed. / Believers will see the destruction of the wicked. / It says, "their worm will not die." / "Nor will their fire be quenched." / This symbolizes the wicked who will refuse to repent till the end.

/The wicked unbelievers will receive eternal punishment in hell. / No one can die there even if they want to. / Hell is a place of eternal pain. / The fires will never die out. / There will be continuous pain there.

/The unbelievers will receive the punishment of eternal hell. / Punishment of hell will be terrible and painful. / Therefore, we must repent of our sins.

/We have been saved by faith in Jesus. / We must be poor in spirit. / We must repent. / We must obey God's word with fear and trembling. / Then God will be with us, / and he will bless us.

/Here we will conclude the final lecture on the book of Isaiah. / Thank you.