

Lesson 23: Isaiah 54-57

Questions

1. Why are the barren told to sing and enlarge their tent (54:1-3)?
2. What is going to be forgotten and remembered no more (54:4)?
3. How is the Lord described (54:5)?
4. What has the Lord done to his wife (Israel) in the past and what is he going to do to her in the future (54:6-8)?
5. What does the Lord swear concerning his wife (Israel) that is like the waters of Noah (54:9-10)?
6. What is the Lord going to do for his afflicted wife (Israel) regarding their city, their people, and their enemies (54:11-17)?
7. What invitation is extended to everyone and what happens to the soul of everyone who accepts this invitation (55:1-3)?
8. Who does the Lord provide for the people who come to him and what does this person do for the people and for the Lord (55:4-5)?
9. What are the wicked called upon to do (55:6-7)?
10. How are the thoughts and ways of the Lord described (55:8-9)?

11. What happens to the Lord's word (55:10-11)?
12. How are the people described who seek the Lord and return to him (55:12-13)?
13. What are the Lord's people at this time called upon to do to be saved (56:1-2)?
14. What does the Lord give to the foreigners who keep his covenant (56:3-5)?
15. What does the Lord do for the foreigners who keep his covenant (56:6-8)?
16. How are Israel's watchmen and shepherds described (56:9-12)?
17. What happens to the righteous people (57:1-2)?
18. How are the idolaters of Isaiah's day described (57:3-4)?
19. Where do the idolaters commit their idolatry (57:5-8)?
20. How do the idolaters act (57:9-10)?
21. What happens to the idolaters who forget the Lord and do not fear him (57:11-13)?
22. Who does the high and lofty Lord dwell with (57:14-15)?

23. What does the Lord do for those who have a contrite and humble spirit (57:16-19)?

24. What happens to the wicked (57:20-21)?

Digging Deeper

1. Where in the NT is Isaiah 54:1 quoted?

2. Where in the NT is the last part of Isaiah 55:3 quoted?

3. Where in the NT is the last part of Isaiah 55:10 referenced?

4. Where in the NT is the last part of Isaiah 56:7 quoted?

5. Where else in the book of Isaiah is it mentioned that there is no peace to the wicked (57:21)?

Applications for Today

1. The “children of the desolate” are the NT church of Jews and Gentiles (54:1; Gal. 4:27-28).

2. The Lord is our Maker, our husband, and our Redeemer (54:5; Jer. 3:14; Hos. 2:19).

3. When the Lord makes a promise, he keeps his word (54:9-10; Gen. 9:11).

4. The Lord teaches his children (54:13; Jn. 6:45).

5. We need to work for the spiritual things of the Lord that truly satisfy (55:1-2; Jn. 6:27).

6. Jesus brings the “everlasting covenant” and the “sure mercies of David” (55:3; Acts 13:34; Heb. 13:20).

7. We need to seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him, and return to him for forgiveness (55:6-7; Mt. 25:10-12).
8. The Lord's ways and thoughts are higher than man (55:8-9; Jer. 10:23).
9. The Lord's word always accomplishes its purpose (55:10-11; Mt. 24:35).
10. There is joy, peace, and singing to everyone who comes to the Lord and seeks him (55:12-13; Acts 8:39; 16:34).
11. The Lord's house is to be for prayer, not for secular and social activities (56:7; Mt. 21:13; Mk. 11:17; Lk. 19:46).
12. The Lord's people need watchmen and shepherds (leaders) who are not self-serving (56:9-12; 1 Pet. 5:1-3).
13. The righteous perish in the midst of evil and few people care. They are taken away to rest (57:1-2; Psa. 12:1; Rev. 14:12-13).
14. Worldly behavior among the Lord's people is committing spiritual adultery with the Lord (57:3-4; Hos. 3:1; Jas. 4:4).
15. The Lord will bless those with a contrite and humble spirit (57:14-15; Psa. 34:18).