

Praying the Promises of Isaiah

As we look to the promises about Messiah that are found in Isaiah—promises of restoration, healing, power, and strength—we see quickly in their context a dual reality. On the one hand, God calls His people to repentance. He calls them to live a new life in accordance with His law. On the other hand, He speaks boldly of His restoration, mercy, grace, love, and promise. They could not yet see the fulfillment of His promise, as they first needed to align themselves to His way.

DO THIS: Take some time this week to read over just some of the promises found in Isaiah. Read them over and over again. Contemplate what these verses promise that might be a counterbalance to your present orientation in life and thought. Pray these promises; surrender yourself to God's way that is found in them. Ask Him to change you.

For extra impact, open your physical copy of the Bible to these verses and read them in context. Look for the specific calls to repentance and see if there are ways in you that you should yield to God.

Ask yourself (or discuss in your small group):

- *Is there any place in your life where you need to change your source of strength?*
- *Is there a place of brokenness (insufficiency, anxiety, weakness, fear, stress, etc.) that you need to trust God for healing, restoration, and power?*
- *What would alignment (re-alignment) to these promises look like for you? What would change in your way of thinking?*

"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

Isaiah 1:18

Pray: God, wash over my sins with your mercy and love. Thank you for giving me grace and forgiving me. I confess to you that I am sinful, but I joyfully receive your strength to live a new life.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel [*which means "God with us"*].

Isaiah 7:14

Pray: God, help me see Jesus as all the evidence I need of your love, your goodness, your mercy, your power for my life.

You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.

Isaiah 26:3

Pray: God, I choose to trust in you with every circumstance that I am facing. I receive a peace from you that is perfect and steadfast.

The path of the righteous is level; O upright One, you make the way of the righteous smooth.

Isaiah 26:7

Pray: O God, level out my path. Make me righteous by your power so that I may walk smoothly in you.

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength...

Isaiah 30:15

Pray: God, lead me to repentance. I choose to cease from my own work (see Hebrews 4:10) and rest in you. Thank you for healing and cleansing me of my sins.

... the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

Isaiah 30:18

Pray: God, I wait for you. I wait for your strength; I hope in your compassion. Help me to slow down and wait.

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way; walk in it"

Isaiah 30:21

Pray: God, speak to me and lead me. I surrender my own agendas, plans, ideas, and course of action. Be the voice who guides me; I will follow!

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:29-31

Pray: God, I choose to change my source of strength, to change where I put my trust and hope. Renew me. Make me strong in you.

I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth.

Isaiah 42:1-4

Pray: God, be careful and tender with my broken places. I trust you to be good to me, to heal me, to deal gently with me. Thank you.

But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior..."

Isaiah 43:1-3

Pray: O God, wow...I am so thankful that You walk with me in every place of pain, every difficult circumstance. Though it may hurt in the natural realm, I trust you that you are with me, you are holding me, you are helping me. I am not burned up...thank you!

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:18-19

Pray: God, I know you have made me to be a new creation (see 2 Corinthians 5:17). Thank you for making me new. Help me to trust in your healing and forgiveness, and to let go of my anxiety about my past.

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

Isaiah 46:4

Pray: God, as I age, thank you that you carry me, sustain me, help me!

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

Isaiah 55:2-3

Pray: God, I choose to listen to you. Speak to me and guide me!

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed.

Isaiah 55:10-13

Pray: God, I choose to turn to your Word for guidance, for direction, for the authority over my life. I choose to believe your Word above any of my circumstances and to trust its power in my life. I believe you will accomplish what you intend with it!

I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Isaiah 57:15

Pray: God, I humble myself before you. Revive my heart. It is yours.

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.

Isaiah 59:1

Pray: God, I trust you to save me in every challenging circumstance. Thank you that you are powerful enough to be sufficient for my every need! (See 2 Corinthians 12:9)

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 65:1

Pray: Thank you that you sought me out when I was not even looking. What a miracle of your love that you chased me down! I pray for my loved ones who are far from you...would you do the same for them?

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