



Isaiah

FAMILIES IN TRUTH

Isaiah 6

God's people turned away from the one true God. They chose to sin against Him. But God had a plan to bring His people, and all people, back to Himself. Who would announce the plan to His people? Isaiah eagerly volunteered to be the one.



Day #1: Warning

What are some warning signs you see in everyday life? (Stop sign, curvy road sign, poison sign on cleaning products) Draw a warning sign in the space below:

Why are warning signs necessary? (They keep us away from danger.) Warning signs are not put in place by cruel people who want to harm you. The signs are put in place by people who care about you. It would be a very unkind person who saw you heading for danger, and did **not** warn you.

God's people, the Israelites, were headed for danger. By turned their backs on God, the Israelites were saying, "No," to God's protection and blessings. They were following false gods who could do nothing for them. When God saw that His people were behaving in a way that would harm them, He sent men called prophets to speak warnings to His people.

✝ *Indeed, the Sovereign Lord never does anything until He reveals His plans to his servants the prophets. - Amos 3:7 NLY*

One of the prophets was named Isaiah. Isaiah's words were a warning sign to God's people. God was not being cruel or unkind by sending them warnings. Just the opposite, God cared so much about His people that He was not willing to let them step into eternal danger without warning them.

* Just as your parents pay attention to warning signs when they drive a car, you must pay attention to the warning signs that God has given to you. God's word has many warnings, spoken in love, to keep you on the safe path full of blessings. Can you find any of these warnings in the book of Proverbs?

Day #2: The End, First

How do you feel when you work hard on a project for school? You have done your best and you want your teacher to be pleased with you. How do you feel about seeing your teacher? More than likely, you will be very excited to go to school that day. You have done what is right and you can't wait for you teacher to see what you have done.

On the other hand, what about when you decide not to do your homework? How do you feel about going to class that day? How do you feel about seeing your teacher? You dread it; you wish you didn't have to face your teacher at all.

It would help us in the long run if we would think about the end **first**. If we would consider the feeling we will have when we face our teacher on the day an assignment is due, we would always do our best.

Sadly, the Israelites did not live their lives thinking about the end first. They did whatever they wanted without considering their relationship with God and how terrible their lives would be without God. The people did not think about the cost of turning their backs on the one true God and doing things their own way. Through Isaiah, God announced the consequences of living without the holy God.

✝ *Jerusalem is about to fall. And so is Judah. They say and do things against the Lord. They dare to disobey Him to His very face. The look on their faces is a witness against them. They show off their sin, just as the people of Sodom did. They don't even try to hide it. How terrible it will be for them! They have brought trouble on themselves. - Isaiah 3:8-9*

God gave these warnings because the Israelites had to understand their problem before they would accept God's solution. They had to know how sad and difficult their lives would become without Him before they would accept the Savior that God was going to send.

* Your life is made up of many decisions. Some are big and some are small. Before you make a decision, think about the end **first**. Following God's plan always brings about a good ending.

Make a small card that says, "Think about the end **first**." Keep this in a place that you will see it often, such as your book bag.

Day #3: Seeing Clearly

Isaiah served under King Uzziah. Isaiah listened to God, and spoke God's message to God's people. Even though King Uzziah was a godly king during most of his reign, the Israelites still turned their back on God. In time, even Uzziah became proud and sinned against God.

Day #3 continued:

Isaiah must have felt like he was the only one in the world who wanted to be faithful to the Lord. Isaiah was overwhelmed with the bad things around him. God knows every man's heart (Jeremiah 17:10). When Isaiah was downcast, God sent him encouragement.



*In the year that King Uzziah died, **I saw the Lord**. He was seated on His throne. His long robe filled the temple. He was highly honored.*

Above Him were seraphs. Each of them had six wings. With two wings they covered their faces. With two wings they covered their feet. And with two wings they were flying. They were calling out to one another. They were saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord who rules over all. The whole earth is full of his glory."

The sound of their voices caused the stone doorframe to shake. The temple was filled with smoke. - Isaiah 6:1-4

When Isaiah could see nothing good around him, God gave him a vision. God allowed His faithful prophet to see into the very throne room of heaven. By seeing this vision, Isaiah could see that God was:

- alive
- in control
- most important
- praised & honored
- respected
- holy

Isaiah could see that God's glory filled the earth! Isaiah was greatly encouraged. This vision helped him to see things the way they really are.



When things around you seem very bad, **more of God** is the answer. When you feel lonely or overwhelmed, pray for God to show you more of Himself.

Day #4: Send Me!

When Isaiah saw the vision of God in heaven, Isaiah had great awe and respect for the Lord. Instantly, Isaiah became afraid because he realized how imperfect he was compared to the perfect God.



"How terrible it is for me!" I cried out. "I'm about to be destroyed! My mouth speaks sinful words. And I live among people who speak sinful words. Now I have seen the King with my own eyes. He is the Lord who rules over all." - Isaiah 6:5

But God did not destroy Isaiah. God took away Isaiah's sin, as only God can do. He purified Isaiah's mouth. Then, Isaiah actually heard God speak!

Then I heard the voice of the Lord. He said, "Who will I send? Who will go for us?"

I said, "Here I am. Send me!" - Isaiah 6:8

Day #4 continued:

God was looking for the person who would be His messenger. Isaiah did not hesitate. He wanted to be the one used by God. Isaiah had seen the AMAZING splendor, power, and holiness of God. God had wiped out his sin and made him PURE. Now Isaiah would go anywhere and do anything for the Lord. He wanted to proclaim God's message. Isaiah's lips that were once sinful would now be used to proclaim God's truth!



If you have put your trust in Jesus, you, too, have been purified by the perfect, holy God. God is still looking for people who are willing to carry out His plan. Will you be like Isaiah? Will you trust God enough to say, "Here I am. Send me!"

Day #5: The Message

God used Isaiah to speak to the wayward Israelites, but his mission was far greater than that.



*The Lord says to me, "It is not enough for you as My servant to bring the tribes of Jacob back to their land. It is not enough for you to bring back the people of Israel I have kept alive. **I will also make you a light for other nations. Then you will make it possible for the whole world to be saved.**"* - Isaiah 49:6

God's plan for Isaiah was for his words to ring out to every person in every nation. Even today, **you** are one of those people! God's message, spoken through Isaiah, is written in the Bible. It has been translated into hundreds and hundreds of languages. The Bible is the most translated book in the history of the world. God's plan always succeeds! (Psalm 33:11)

So, what exactly is the message that God gave to Isaiah? What message is so important that every person must hear?

Isaiah proclaimed that God was going to send a Savior. The Savior would be the Son of God, born a humble baby (Isaiah 9:6, 7:14). This Savior would give His life as a sacrifice to bring us back to God.

All of us are like sheep. We have wandered away from God. All of us have turned to our own way. And the Lord has placed on his servant (Jesus) the sins of all of us... The servant was pierced because we had sinned. He was crushed because we had done what was evil. He was punished to make us whole again. His wounds have healed us. - Isaiah 53:6, 5



Keep your eyes open today. Know that every single person that you see is one of the people that needs to hear Isaiah's message. God wants every person to hear the message about Jesus, the Savior. Will you tell one of those people this week?