



# ISAIAH: THE MESSAGE OF HOPE

## Lesson 4 - A Prophetic Word to Motivate

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### INTRODUCTION

- The key to life is “\_\_\_\_\_.” This principle is also true in regard to spiritual matters - until we are motivated to obey God, all instruction will be shrugged off with indifference.
- Isaiah’s prophecy often mentions reasons that should motivate \_\_\_\_\_ to hear and heed the God’s message.

### THE MOTIVATION TO OBEY

Isaiah spoke to urge man to realize that man’s great imperative duty was to \_\_\_\_\_ God’s commands! (1:18-20; 59:1-21). Without this obedience there would only be separation from God. It was very clear that they understood they should obey God, but *they did not understand \_\_\_\_\_ they should obey God.*

1. ***WE OUGHT TO OBEY TO AVOID THE WOE OF THE \_\_\_\_\_***  
(5:8ff; 10:3; 14:5ff; 15:1ff; 22:5; 29:15-16; 30:1ff; 33:8; 42:20-25; 43:22ff; 44:20; 50:11).

Isaiah presents the truth that all are guilty of sin and will face divine wrath unless they obey God’s will. The reality of punishment causes great sorrow on God’s part because He does not want \_\_\_\_\_ to suffer (Ezekiel 18:23).

The divine offer was met with a stubborn \_\_\_\_\_. Can you hear the heavenly Father’s heart breaking when He commented upon their rebellion by saying, “But you were not willing” (Isaiah 30:15b)?

Contributors of Condemnation. Those guilty and facing eternal torment are charged with: (1) “transgressing \_\_\_\_\_,” (2) “violating \_\_\_\_\_,” and (3) “breaking \_\_\_\_\_” (24:5-6).

#### Contemporary Application?

2. ***We ought to obey because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God***  
(6:1ff; 17:10; 25:1ff; 29:22-24)

God wants man to respect and fear the holy \_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 32:4-43; Hebrews 10:32), but God wants man to respond from loving \_\_\_\_\_ (Hosea 6:1-3; 7:13-16; 11:3, 4).

Isaiah says that those who recognize and honor the holiness of God will demonstrate changes in their behavior. *They will be \_\_\_\_\_* (6:1ff). *They will be \_\_\_\_\_* (17:10). *They will be \_\_\_\_\_* (25:1ff). *They will be \_\_\_\_\_* (29:22-24).



3. ***We ought to obey and \_\_\_\_\_ for God*** (26:3-4; 30:18; 40:31; 41:10)

Isaiah's words counsel those who are distressed by the world's trials and are tempted to be impatient with God. The prophet urges us to remain trusting of God's Word and not seek help from \_\_\_\_\_ sources. Isaiah counsels patience by saying, "I will wait for the LORD who is hiding His face" (8:17-19).

The Waiting Game. What are we to "do" while we are waiting on the Lord?

- 1) *Express \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord* (26:3-4). This trust is founded upon the metaphor of a "rock."
  - 2) *Enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord* (30:18). God is "waiting on high" to provide blessings to those who "wait" for Him.
  - 3) *Expect \_\_\_\_\_ to endure* (40:31). Trust in God results in unfailing strength.
  - 4) *Encourage faith to grow more \_\_\_\_\_* (41:10).
4. ***We ought to obey to honor the sovereign \_\_\_\_\_***  
(10:5-6, 15; 13:1ff; 23:8-9; 24:21-22; 40:15ff; 31:1ff; 44:6-7; 45:1ff).

God's Supremacy. Isaiah stresses the supremacy of the Lord God by these points:

- 1) Godless \_\_\_\_\_ will be punished. (10:5-6, 15; 31:1-5, 8).
  - 2) All creation is in subjection to \_\_\_\_\_ will. (13:1-22; 45:1ff).
  - 3) Planning MUST be in \_\_\_\_\_ with God. (23:8-9).
  - 4) \_\_\_\_\_ will be punished. (24:21, 22; 40:15ff).
  - 5) \_\_\_\_\_ will be utterly destroyed. (44:6-7).
5. ***We ought to obey and accept God's offer of gracious \_\_\_\_\_***  
(22:12-14; 27:5, 9; 30:15; 31:6; 33:24; 35:8-10; 43:1-7; 44:22b; 45:9, 22; 50:4, 5, 10)
6. ***We ought to obey remembering God's \_\_\_\_\_*** (14:24, 27; 46:4-11)

## CONCLUSION

Four significant factors that should motivate us to respond to Isaiah's message:

1. It was \_\_\_\_\_ by the Divine Plan (Isaiah 6:8).
2. It was \_\_\_\_\_ by the Divine Prophet (Isaiah 2:1).
3. It was \_\_\_\_\_ by the Divine Purpose (Isaiah 46:9b-10).
4. It was \_\_\_\_\_ by the Divine Person (Son, John 12:36b-41).