



# Biblical Literacy

Scripture • Substance • Spiritual Passion

## Lesson 47.1

## Old Testament Survey: Isaiah Themes

### Outline for Class

- Welcome
- Theme Today  
*We begin our consideration of the themes with the theme of YHWH, the one true God who reigns over all. In twenty-eight verses, Isaiah speaks of God as the "Holy One of Israel." This is not a typical phrase. It occurs only seven other times in the entire Bible!*
- Prayer for Wisdom
- Video (34 minutes)
- Discussion & Points for Home  
*(see full lesson handouts for detailed notes, and expanded points for home.*

### Points for Home

- ❖ "I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator" (Is. 43:15).  
It all seems so simple. God is the Lord. He reigns over everyone and everything. He made the world and cares for each of us. He desires the best for us. He gave the ultimate price to buy us back, yet it is not as simple as it seems. For like Hester Prynne in *The Scarlet Letter*, we get caught up in the here and now, ignoring the Holy One. We live in the moment, scared by whispers in the wind, falling for personal pleasure or gain, seeking to maneuver a future of our liking or making. This is plainly rebellion, and patently foolish, but it is the course we repeatedly take. Make a weekly commitment to join others in corporate worship, seeking to encounter God. He is the Holy One, and seek to dwell in the midst of this great truth.
- ❖ "In trust shall be your strength" (Is. 30:15).  
What is our response to the Holy One? Can anyone see him and ignore him? Can anyone see him and decide him untrustworthy? Can anyone really see him and decide to put their trust in any place but him? The questions, like those in our first Point for Home seem absurd to even contemplate. Again, we miss this over and over in our lives. We all have need for the road Isaiah set out of repentance and faith/trust. How do we personalize this? I am making a list of worries, issues, struggles, and chores. With prayer, I will seek humility to offer up myself in service to God, trusting him to accomplish his will through me. The worries are not mine anymore; they are his! The issues are not mine; they are his opportunities. The struggles and chores I place before him, seeking to take up my cross and follow him.
- ❖ "The root of Jesse... shall stand as a signal for the peoples" (Is. 11:10).  
Here, we have the final piece of the puzzle. We are not simply left reading the words of Isaiah; we have a true signal we can read, learn, and copy. We have the root of Jesse, Jesus. In Jesus, we see the fulfillment of God's promised servant, who would bear our transgressions. In Jesus, we have vision and understanding of the coal on God's altar that atones for our sins, just as for the sins of Isaiah. What do we do with this signal? We walk to it, and follow it. We will do as instructed by our Savior: "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? (Lk 9:23-25).  
Lord, may we see you and may we follow you, by your grace and in your Spirit. Amen!

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