

Isaiah 3
A People Who Have Rejected God

All is stripped away (1-3)

Supply – resources no longer available

Skill – those with special skills and abilities

Source of confidence – those who have previously been relied upon

All is chaos – there is no leadership (4-7)

Officials are children – who is running things?

Oppressors are everywhere – taking advantage of others

Opportunity to lead is rejected – no one wants to be in that position

Against the LORD (8-9) – He is the One who has been rejected

In word and deed

In publicly displaying their sin (Romans 1:32)

Actions reveal the attitude of the heart (10-11)

The righteous will reap the fruit of their deeds (Galatians 6:7-8)

The wicked await disaster – they will be repaid (II Thessalonians 1:4-9)

Adjudication will take place in the court of the LORD (12-26)

He will rule against the leaders – they ruined His vineyard

He will rule against the women – fineries and frolicking were their focus

Discussion questions for Isaiah 3

How does the United States compare with the description in this chapter? How should we as Christians respond? (I Samuel 30:3-8 / Psalm 73:21-28)

When sin is openly displayed and celebrated, what can we expect from God? (Romans 1:28-32)
How do we respond? (Ephesians 5:8-17)

“Actions speak louder than words.” How does that proverb relate to our faith? How does it relate to the times in which we live? (James 2:14-17 / I John 3:16-18)

What happens to a culture where the women become totally self-absorbed?

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Supply – resources no longer available

Basic necessities in limited supply

Skill – those with special skills and abilities

Skilled labor or ability that is hard to replace

Source of confidence – those who have previously been relied upon

Leaders and public servants whom you can trust

All is chaos – there is no leadership (4-7)

Officials are children – who is running things?

They lack experience, wisdom and competence

Oppressors are everywhere – taking advantage of others

Neighbors and even family members against one another (Matthew 10:34-36)

Opportunity to lead is rejected – no one wants to be in that position

No one has answers to the problems, no one wants responsibility

Against the LORD (8-9) – He is the One who has been rejected

When we go our own way, we reject God (I Samuel 8:6-7)

In word and deed

Defying God with our words and actions (government schools)

In publicly displaying their sin (Romans 1:32)

There is no fear of God (Romans 3:10-18)

Actions reveal the attitude of the heart (10-11)

Time will expose the heart (I Timothy 5:24-25) Our hearts w/o Jesus (Jeremiah 17:9)

The righteous will reap the fruit of their deeds (Galatians 6:7-8)

God cannot be mocked (Hebrews 4:13)

The wicked await disaster – they will be repaid (II Thessalonians 1:4-9)

Dilutions of their own minds (II Timothy 3:13 / II Timothy 2:10-12)

Adjudication will take place in the court of the LORD (12-26)

He will rule against the leaders – they ruined His vineyard

How did they treat the poor (Deuteronomy 15:11/Proverbs 14:31/ James 1:27)

He will rule against the women – fineries and frolicking were their focus

***“The hand that rocks the cradle...” The influence of godly women
(II Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15)***

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Unfortunately, it describes the US all too well. We are being warned concerning the availability of products. We are losing many skilled workers and our leadership is hard to trust. Division is being sown and people and property are under attack. Our leadership no longer seeks and/or trust in God, but rather promote practices contrary to His Word.

We must stand firm. We cannot compromise our values based on His truth. He must become all that we seek and trust and put our hope in, no matter the cost.

When sin is openly displayed and celebrated, what can we expect from God? (Romans 1:28-32)
How do we respond? (Ephesians 5:8-17)

God is patient, but He will not bear with unrepentant hearts and blatant sin forever – He gives us over to our own depravity.

We are to be lights in the darkness – not participating in the deeds of darkness, but allowing His light to expose them. We must seek to please Him, understanding the times in which we live, and seeking to know and follow His will.

“Actions speak louder than words.” How does that proverb relate to our faith? How does it relate to the times in which we live? (James 2:14-17 / I John 3:16-18)

“Faith without works is dead!” Our faith must impact our lives. His purpose is to change us and make us to be more like His Son. (Romans 8:29) We are to show our love to others by our actions and sacrifice. (Romans 5:8) True love speaks in word and deed.

What happens to a culture where the women become totally self-absorbed?

The investment into the hearts and lives of children is lost. It only takes one generation. (Judges 2:10-15) In reading through the Kings, the godliness of the King is often connected to the influence of his mother. When women abandon God and pursue their own desires, it seems as though a culture has become thoroughly corrupt.