

Isaiah 15-17
Remember Your God

Repulsiveness of War (15)

- Sudden destruction (II Peter 3:10 / II Thessalonians 5:3)
- Shaved heads and sackcloth – shame and reproach
- Sobbing and lamenting (Romans 6:20-21)
- Seeing more to come – endless destruction (II Thessalonians 1:8-9)

Recognizing a difference (16:1-4a)

- Sending tribute
- Seeking counsel
- Shelter desired (Psalm 27:5)

Righteous leaders (16:4b-5)

- Ending oppression and destruction
- Establishing a throne – from the house of David
 - In love (Proverbs 20:28)
 - In faithfulness
 - In righteousness (Psalm 89:14)

Refusing to truly repent (16:6-14)

- Pride gets in the way of repentance (II Corinthians 7:10)
- Prayers are to no avail (Psalm 66:18 / James 4:3)
- People are despised

Rendered useless (17:1-6)

- Fortified city will disappear
- Fading glory (II Corinthians 4:16)
- Few will remain

Remember your God (7-14)

- Look to the Maker (Psalm 121:1-2)
- Leading to disease and incurable pain – the results of forgetting God our Savior
- Like chaff – those who seek to destroy God's people (Psalm 1:4-6)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 15-17

Why does war lead to such hideous actions? What is at the root of this problem? (James 3:15-16; 4:1-2)

Consistency vs. compromise. What do people look for when they are facing trouble? Why? (Ephesians 4:12-15 / I Peter 3:15)

What characterizes a righteous leader? (James 2:8-13)

Walking in pride leads to what end? Who befriends a prideful person? (James 4:4-6)

Why is it much more important to develop the character on the inside than the impression that is on the outside of a person? (II Corinthians 4:18 / Matthew 23:25-26 / Jeremiah 17:10)

Why is it critical for us to remember our God? What practices help us to do just that? (John 15:5-8)