

Isaiah 35
The Blessings of the Kingdom

The Healing of the Land (1-2) **land that had been cursed because of sin**

Gladness in the land (Romans 8:19-21) **Creation itself longs for redemption**

The hazard of sexual sin (Leviticus 18:24-28) **vomited out by the land**

The hazard of bloodshed (Numbers 35:33 / II Kings 24:3-4) **land not atoned for**

Glory of the LORD will be seen (Romans 16:25-26)

In the Gospel, in Jesus Christ, and in His glorious return

The Healing of the People (3-7) – (Isaiah 61:1-3)

Jesus comes to the broken and the needy (James 1:27)

Feeble hands and knees (Hebrews 12:12) **strengthened by His hand and His body**

Fearful hearts (I John 4:16-18) **to know His love is to remove fear**

Frail helpless souls (Matthew 11:28-30) **rest and strength are found in Jesus**

Forsaken haunts (Ezekiel 36:4-8) **the once desolate land now providing for His people**

The Highway of Holiness (Psalm 15:1-5) **who may walk with Him?**

None who are unclean shall enter (Revelation 21:27)

We must be cleansed by His blood and empowered by His Spirit

No ferocious beasts shall attack (Leviticus 26:3-6)

God's promise to His people who choose obedience

No more sorrow shall be seen (Revelation 21:3-4)

Death, pain, and sorrow are all the result of sin

These are all removed when we someday dwell in His presence

Discussion questions for Isaiah 35

What changes would need to happen for God to bless and heal our land? (II Chronicles 7:14)

We must first humble ourselves before God, that we may return to Him. We must cry out to Him in repentance. (Hosea 14:2) We must seek Him and turn from our wicked ways. It would require to gospel to be boldly shared and the hearts of the people ready to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. It would require God to be allowed back into our government institutions, our public schools, and our media and entertainment.

What can we offer that would bring healing to people in our land? ***We begin by sharing the gospel that they may have life. (Romans 1:16) We offer them His word, that they may grow and become equipped for His word. (II Timothy 3:16-17) We encourage them to be filled with His Spirit, offering themselves to Him. (Ephesians 5:18 / Romans 12:1-2) We lead them to walk in relationship with Jesus who loves them and will strengthen them. (II Peter 3:18 / Philippians 4:13)***

What is required to walk upon the highway to holiness? (Psalm 24:3-6)

Clean hands and a pure heart – to know His forgiveness and the cleansing power of His blood (Hebrews 9:14 / I John 1:9)

To reject idols and surrender to His Spirit (Colossians 1:28-29 / Galatians 5:16)

To seek Him with our whole hearts (II Chronicles 28:9)

What are some of the reasons we long for His Kingdom to be established? (Isaiah 2:2-4)

To be taught and led by Jesus.

To have a government that is always just and loving.

To experience peace on earth.

To be free of the burdens caused by sin – including my own

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