

Isaiah 48
Come Out of Babylon

Stubborn hearts (1-6a)

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False oaths (Ecclesiastes 5:4-7)
Foretold what would happen
For God knew they were stiff-necked (Judges 11-14)

Saving His people – God saves for His Name's sake (6b – 11)

Revealing new things (Jeremiah 33:2-3)
Rebellious and treacherous (Deuteronomy 9:4-6)
Restraining His wrath (Matthew 24:22 / Zechariah 13:8)
Refined (Malachi 3:2-3)
Reserving His glory – He will not yield to another (Malachi 3:6 / Romans 3:26)

Servant sent by His Spirit (12-16)

Come and listen (I John 4:6 / Ezekiel 33:31-32)
He is our Creator (Colossians 1:15-17)
His arm will be against Babylon (Revelation 18:4-8)
His Servant will succeed (John 18:20)
Come near (Isaiah 55:6-7 / James 4:8-10)

Surrender to God – Father knows best (17-18)

He shows the way (Psalm 25:9, 12 / Proverbs 3:5-6)
He blesses obedience (John 14:23)
Peace (John 14:27 / Philippians 4:6-7)
Righteousness (II Corinthians 5:21)
Blessing (John 1:16)

Seek the path away from Babylon (19-22) - (Revelation 18:4)

Run (I Timothy 6:11 / II Timothy 2:22)
Rejoice (Revelation 18:20)
Redeemed (Galatians 3:14)
Refreshed (Acts 3:19)
Rejected (Revelation 21:8)

How do we develop a stubborn heart? How can we develop a responsive heart to God?
(I Timothy 4:1-2/Matthew 23:5-7/II Peter 2:18-19/Psalm 139:23-24/John 3:19-21/James 4:8-10)

What did God see in me that motivated Him to save me? What should be our response to this truth? (I Corinthians 1:26-31 / Ephesians 2:3-5 / I Timothy 1:13-16)

What does it involve for us to truly listen to God? (Deuteronomy 6:3-6/James 1:22/John 10:27)

What are some of the advantages of surrendering our lives to God?
(Romans 12:1-2)
(Colossians 1:28-29)
(Matthew 11:28-30)
(II Thessalonians 2:15-17)

What does Babylon represent throughout Scripture? What should be our response?
(Genesis 10 – 11 and Revelation 17-18)

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False oaths (Ecclesiastes 5:4-7) – **held to your vows (James 5:12)**
Foretold what would happen – **God has proven Himself – fulfilled prophecy**
For God knew they were stiff-necked (Judges 11-14) – **how patient is our God**

Saving His people – God saves for His Name's sake (6b – 11)

I've done nothing to deserve His grace
Revealing new things (Jeremiah 33:2-3)
Rebellious and treacherous (Deuteronomy 9:4-6) – **our true state**
Restraining His wrath (Matthew 24:22 / Zechariah 13:8) – **He remembers mercy**
Refined (Malachi 3:2-3) – **necessary to enter His Kingdom**
Reserving His glory – He will not yield to another (Malachi 3:6 / Romans 3:26)
He keeps His promises. He is just.

Servant sent by His Spirit (12-16)

Come and listen (I John 4:6 / Ezekiel 33:31-32) – **whose voice are you listening to?**
He is our Creator (Colossians 1:15-17) – **He holds everything together**
His arm will be against Babylon (Revelation 18:4-8) – **do not partner with her**
His Servant will succeed (John 18:20) – **He does nothing in secret (II Thess. 2:7)**
Come near (Isaiah 55:6-7 / James 4:8-10) – **He welcomes the humble and repentant**

Surrender to God – Father knows best (17-18) – **His way is always best!**

He shows the way (Psalm 25:9, 12 / Proverbs 3:5-6) – **to the humble who seek Him**
He blesses obedience (John 14:23) – **dwelling with those who abide in Him**
Peace (John 14:27 / Philippians 4:6-7) – **a supernatural peace**
Righteousness (II Corinthians 5:21) – **His righteousness imputed to us**
Blessing (John 1:16) – **upon blessing**

Seek the path away from Babylon (19-22) - (Revelation 18:4)

Come out of her – we do not belong (John 15:19)
Run (I Timothy 6:11 / II Timothy 2:22) – **things we are to flee**
Rejoice (Revelation 18:20) – **when wickedness is judged**
Redeemed (Galatians 3:14) – **by the blood of Jesus**
Refreshed (Acts 3:19) – **in the presence of Jesus**
Rejected (Revelation 21:8) – **those who persist in evil**

How do we develop a stubborn heart? How can we develop a responsive heart to God?
(I Timothy 4:1-2/Matthew 23:5-7/II Peter 2:18-19/Psalm 139:23-24/John 3:19-21/James 4:8-10)
False teaching and practice hardens the heart. Pride leads us away from God. Pretending sin doesn't matter separates us from God. We must invite God to search our hearts. We need to be honest and willing to step into the light. Draw near to God in humility and brokenness, He will lift us up.

What did God see in me that motivated Him to save me? What should be our response to this truth? (I Corinthians 1:26-31 / Ephesians 2:3-5 / I Timothy 1:13-16) ***He sees nothing in me, except how my life can be transformed in Him. I bring nothing to the table that I could claim to deserve anything before God except His judgment. We cannot boast except in our Lord Jesus. He saves us to show His great love and power.***

What does it involve for us to truly listen to God? (Deuteronomy 6:3-6/James 1:22/John 10:27)
To hear is to obey. Unless we put His word into practice, we are deceiving ourselves. His word must be in our hearts and lived and shared throughout our daily lives. His true sheep listen to His voice and follow Him.

What are some of the advantages of surrendering our lives to God?

(Romans 12:1-2) – ***we can know His good, pleasing, and perfect will***

(Colossians 1:28-29) – ***we can have His power at work in us***

(Matthew 11:28-30) – ***we can find rest for our souls***

(II Thessalonians 2:15-17) – ***we can receive his encouragement and strength***

What does Babylon represent throughout Scripture? What should be our response?

(Genesis 10 – 11 and Revelation 17-18) – ***the rebellious heart of man leading to confusion and turning from God. Babylon represent both religious and political evil. It is the elevation of humanism and the rejection of God. We are to have no part with the evil of this world. Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:19-20) and we are alien and strangers here (I Pt. 2:11)***