

Isaiah 65
Two Destinies

The Condemned (1-7, 11-12) **those who do not believe are already condemned (John 3:18, 36)**

Revealing Himself - men are without excuse (Psalm 19:1-4 / Romans 1:20)

Rebellious – an obstinate people (Romans 10:21) **Lord keep my heart tender!**

Pursuing their own imaginations (Jeremiah 23:16 / II Timothy 4:3-4)

Provoking God to His face (Hebrews 10:29-30 / II Peter 2:21) **knowingly reject**

Rejecting God – “Keep away; don’t come near me.” (Isaiah 30:10-11 / Micah 2:11)

Retribution – paid in full for what they’ve done (Revelations 22:12; 20:12-15)

Refusing to listen = destined for death (II Kings 17:14-15 / II Chronicles 36:16)

He calls through Creation, conscience and His Word – I want to hear His voice.

The Chosen (8-10, 13-16)

Saved – some good remains (Isaiah 11:10-11) **those whom He has changed.**

He doesn’t completely destroy His people (Zechariah 13:8)

He brings His chosen ones forth (John 6:39) **those who are in Christ.**

Seek Him – He will bless (Hebrews 11:6) **faith trusts that it is worth it to seek Him.**

Satisfied in Him – He provides (Matthew 6:31-33) **He satisfies all our needs (Ps. 103:1-5)**

Sing to Him – He gives us joy (John 15:10-11) **a reason to sing (Psalm 100)**

Swear by the God of truth (John 17:17) **standing firm in Jesus, trusting in His Word.**

He gives us a new name (Galatians 4:4-7) **We are His, He claims us as His own.**

He erases all our past troubles (Psalm 103:12 / Philippians 3:13-14)

He saves, He heals, He forgives – all is paid, nothing is held against us.

The Coming Kingdom (17-25) **When the Righteous One reigns. (Psalm 9:7-10)**

Created new – former things not remembered (I Corinthians 13:5 / Micah 7:19)

Created to be a delight – He will rejoice over His people (Zephaniah 3:17) **with singing!**

Cherished by Him – a people blessed by the LORD (Deuteronomy 7:6 / Titus 2:14)

Cared for by Him – He will answer even before we call to Him (Jeremiah 33:3/Ps. 139:4)

Curse is removed – they will neither harm nor destroy on all His Holy Mountain

(Revelation 22:3) **the curse brought by sin removed from all creation.**

Discussion questions for Isaiah 65

What happens to the heart of those who refuse to acknowledge God? (Jeremiah 17:9 / Romans 7:18 / Matthew 12:33-35 / Romans 1:21 / Ephesians 4:17-19) ***Nothing changes, their wicked hearts remain wicked. What is in the heart will come out through our actions and our speech. You can pretend for a time, but it will be revealed. (I Timothy 5:24-25) When we continue to refuse to turn to God our thinking becomes futile and our hearts become darkened. Selfishness, lust, and evil will prevail in our lives.***

Why do the wicked want nothing to do with God's word or God's people? (John 3:19-21; 7:3-7; 15:18-21) ***They do not want their evil ways and hearts to be exposed. They want to be with those who live as they live so as not to be convicted by their sin. They want to excuse their sin and live for their own selfish pleasures. The Word of God and the people of God cause them to face their own sin and wickedness.***

What happens to the heart of those who seek God? (Ezekiel 36:25-27 / Psalm 51:4-10 / Hebrews 12:28) ***When we invite God in, He changes our hearts from stone to flesh. We receive His love and can share that love with others. (I John 4:19) We are humbled and broken by His forgiveness and love for us and desire to have Him change our hearts. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for what He has done for us. We want to give our lives to Him and worship and praise our great and loving God.***

Why do those who have been made righteous desire to be with God's people and to know His word? (I Thessalonians 3:6-8 / Romans 1:8-12 / Psalm 119:105 / Acts 20:32 / II Timothy 3:16-17) ***We are part of the family of God. We recognize the importance of being together in Christ. We gain joy and strength from sharing our God given gifts and practicing the one another's. We know that guidance, training, growth, and encouragement come from sharing in His word.***

What blessings belong to those who are privileged to be a part of His Kingdom? How does this hope impact your life? (Isaiah 2:3-5 / Colossians 1:10-14 / Revelation 22:1-5) ***True peace and righteousness will prevail. We will be in the presence of our Savior. All will be as He intended things to be. I can trust and be patient knowing that all things will be made rights and that my future will be wonderful beyond comprehension.***

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