Isaiah 66 God's Plan Prevails

REBUKE (1-6)

 God's Position (Revelation 3:14) Would we ignore the counsel of the King? Would we openly rebel against His authority?
 God's Favor (II Thessalonians 1:11-12; 2:16-17)

Will we not respond to His kindness? (Romans 2:4) Will He be honored by us? God's Displeasure – religious hypocrisy (Isaiah 1:11-17/Matthew 23:27-28/Mark 7:6-8) God wants our hearts and our obedience – not religious hypocrisy.

REBIRTH (7-11)

Brought forth in a day (Colossians 2:13-15 / Revelation 19:11-20:6)
THE CROSS brought salvation; HIS COMING will bring restoration.
Birth process completed – His deliverance (I Timothy 1:12-14 / Psalm 2:6-12)
The sinner made new (II Corinthians 5:17); the world will be made new.
Be glad – abundance will come (II Corinthians 9:8-11)
We can give of our resources and of ourselves, God is our supplier.

RESTORED (12-24)

Peace (Isaiah 2:4; 26:3 / Colossians 3:16)
Peace is only found in Him. His peace is to rule in our hearts.
Prosperity (Isaiah 65:22-23 / Philippians 4:19)
The work of our hands will be secured. The Provider has an endless supply.
Protection (Psalm 27 / I Peter 2:25)
No fear for those under His protection. He is the Shepherd of my soul.
Proclamation of His Glory (Luke 13:34-35 / Philippians 2:9-11)
Israel will call upon their Messiah. Every tongue will confess His Name.
Permanence (Genesis 17:8 / Hebrews 13:5-6)
He will fulfill His promise to Israel and to us!

Discussion questions for Isaiah 66

With whom is God pleased? (Psalm 51:17 / James 4:4-10 / Matthew 4:17; 17:5) Those who approach Him with a broken and contrite heart. Those who are not seduced by the world, but rather, in humility, draw near to Him. God is pleased with His Son and with those who are in Christ Jesus.

With whom does God express His displeasure? (Matthew 18:6-7; 23 / Jude 4, 12-13, 16) Those who would lead others, especially children, into sin. Those who use positions of religious leadership to benefit themselves at the expense of others. Those who pretend to be something they are not – looking good on the outside but full of evil on the inside. Those who would teach others, in the name of Christ, to turn away from God and away from His truth. Those who are self-serving while grumbling and complaining about others.

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