

Sermon Study Questions

Sunday, February 1, 2026

1. Read Isaiah 28
2. What's going on in the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judah that serves as the context for this passage?
3. In v.1 and v.3 Isaiah refers to the proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim being cast down, and in v.5 speaks of the Lord being in that day a crown of glory to the remnant of His people. What is going on there, and what is this play on the word "crown" saying?
4. In v.7 Isaiah points to the corruption of the priests and prophets, while v.9-10 express the mockery of these religious leaders towards him. What are they mocking him for? How would you summarize Isaiah's response to them in v.11 and 13?
5. Beginning in v.14 Isaiah turns his attention to the Southern Kingdom of Judah and the leaders of Jerusalem. In doing so, he tells them judgment will come upon them because they "have made a covenant with death." What is this covenant of death, and why is it that God will judge them for it? What practical lesson can you learn from this warning?
6. What are the lies that they had made their refuge? What do you learn from this?
7. Where is Christ foreshadowed in this chapter? Why does Isaiah point to Him in this context?

8. How does v.23-29 and these words of wisdom from the natural world of farming tie into Isaiah's message?

9. What is the main point of this passage and what practical application can you make from it?

10. Pray!

Reading of Law: Isaiah 26:4

Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father in Heaven, we come before you in Jesus' name. We are grateful to be able to come into your presence this morning, knowing the only way we can do so is through the merits of Jesus Christ. Father, there is none like you. You are perfect in love and possess all wisdom and rule with complete sovereignty. You have given us every reason to trust you, and yet we confess we fail to do so. We confess we often worry and fret in the face of adversity, taking the burden upon ourselves. We look to our own resources and place our confidence in ourselves and in man rather than in you. We trust in riches, believing they can supply us with what we need, rather than trusting in you, the One who possesses all things. Father, please forgive us, and please help us to trust in you in matters great and small. For our desire is to live by faith and in doing so bring great honor to you and enjoy greater rest for our souls. In Jesus' name, amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness: Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,²² let us draw near with a

true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 22

Q. 57. What comfort do you receive from the "resurrection of the body"?

A. That not only my soul after this life shall be immediately taken up to Christ its Head, but also that this my body, raised by the power of Christ, shall be reunited with my soul, and made like the glorious body of Christ.

[1] Lk. 23:43; Phil. 1:21–23. [2] 1 Cor. 15:53–54; Job 19:25–27; 1 Jn. 3:2.

Q. 58. What comfort do you receive from the article "life everlasting"?

A. That, inasmuch as I now feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, I shall after this life possess complete blessedness, such as eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man, therein to praise God forever.

[1] 2 Cor. 5:2–3. [2] 1 Cor. 2:9. [3] Jn. 17:3; *Rom. 8:23; *1 Pet. 1:8.

NT Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-10

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation-- ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸ and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble

because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.