
Introduction: WHO Says?

The LORD (YHWH) v2; YHWH the Holy One of Israel v4; YHWH of hosts v9;
the mouth of YHWH v20; YHWH of Hosts, the Mighty One of Israel v24

God's covenants with Abraham, Moses and David underlie all of Isaiah.

**ONE: God always says what he wants to say: he says it partly by
revealing what offends him.**

1.2-15, 21-31

Be glad that through his Word and his Spirit he's still talking!

1.4 offspring of evildoers to Jesus in **John 8.44**: *You are of your
father, the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires.*

**TWO: God defines repentance as a turning of our hearts and actions
to give him what he wants.**

1.16-31

THREE: Only by the active grace of his presence can we obey:

*"estrangement ended" leads to "continued engagement" not to a
forgiveness which frees us to go our own way. 1.4, 15, 17-20*

children v2; forsaken YHWH/despised the Holy One of Israel, utterly
estranged v4; patient in need of physician vv5-6; foreign enemies in
your presence v7; left alone v8; I will hide my eyes/will not listen v15;

Restore judges as at first/counselors as at beginning/city of
righteousness-faithful city/Zion redeemed by justice-repentant by
righteousness v26-27

Wash/make yourselves clean/remove evil v16 (Isa 30.18-22)

**FOUR: God in the end will have things his way: new heavens and new
earth where he gets the glory and dwells among his people.**

2.1-5; 66.18-22

Isa 66:18-22 ¹⁸ "For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is
coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see
my glory, ¹⁹ and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send
survivors to the nations, . . . that have not heard my fame or seen my glory.
And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰ And they shall bring
all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, . . . to my
holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their
grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹ And some of
them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. ²² "For as
the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says
the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ^{ESV}

Psalms 19 ⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. ^{ESV}

2Co 4 ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the
unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of
Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ^{ESV}

**God calls now to a repentant fellowship that finds Christ Jesus so
sweet that his people bring the blessing of his presence to neighbors
& nations.**