
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. ISAIAH

CHAPTERS 40-66

Lesson 12: Isaiah 65:1-66:24 - Our eternal home with our gracious God

Introduction

What do you think eternity in heaven will be like?

Lesson Goal: To contemplate the grace of God in giving us eternal life

The LORD's gracious response (65:1-16)

Isaiah presented his displeasure to God in the previous lament. How does God respond to Isaiah's questioning? (v.1-2)

God's grace is presented to people who reject it. Tied to this verse let's read 2 Corinthians 6:1-2 and Hebrews 3:13-15. Then, address the following questions.

Can people reject God's grace?

What is the term that we use for when people have the opportunity to come to believe in God and be saved?

Agree or disagree: The understanding that people only have this lifetime to come to faith demonstrates an urgency to witness to our unbelieving loved ones.

Look to Romans 10:19-21. How does Paul apply these verses?

What do the first two verses tell us about the heart of God?

How can God desire that all people be saved, yet not all are saved?

Who are the chosen ones that will possess the land? (v.9)

Let's consider the name 'the God of Amen.' What does this name show us? (v.16)

The New Creation (65:17-66:2)

What are the new heavens and the new earth? (v.17)

When will these places come about? (v.17)

Verses 19-25 use beautiful imagery to speak about our eternal home. With a partner, talk about two of these images that are particularly beautiful to you.

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Read verses 24-25, Isaiah 11:6-9, and Romans 8:20-21. Then, answer the following question.
Will there be animals in heaven?

Eternal blessings for God's servants (66:3-24)

After considering verses 7-8, read Revelation 12:13-17 and Galatians 4:26-27. Zion is the mother in verses 7-8. After considering the other verses of Scripture, how does Zion give birth to children?

How do the LORD's servants know him? (v.14)

How do the LORD's enemies know him? (v.14-16)

According to verse 17, those in Israel were ceremonially purifying themselves so that they could become unclean in their other actions. How can try to purify themselves and fail today?

Considering verse 18, read Matthew 28:19-20. How would God gather people from all nations and languages?

Consider verse 24 and Mark 9:48. In heaven, will we be bothered that there are people in hell?

Conclusion

What did we learn about our eternal home from Isaiah?