

Study Aids

Discussion Questions and Suggested Reading For “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson 69

Comment:

Back in the early lessons of this series, we established in Lesson 3 the importance of relationships. The following statement was made: “There are two types of relationships: both vertical and horizontal. If my vertical relationship with God is not right, there is not way that my horizontal relationships within my self, with others, or with God’s creation can be positive . . . as it was intended.”

Questions:

Does that fundamental statement of our relationship with God apply in the statements of Isaiah? If so, how? Isaiah condemned the people of Judah as “a sinful nation” that has “forsaken the Lord.” Is the vertical relationship broken? What will be the result of that?

Isaiah spoke about Mt. Zion being “established as the chief among the mountains” and “all nations will stream to it.” This picture may be clear to the Hebrew mind-set, but strange to our Western minds. Does it relate in any way to the words of Jesus in Mt. 5:14-16? Are we being an example to the world that will attract others?

What is the message of Is. 2: 9-22 mean to you? Is the pride of an arrogant people important to God? Do these verses apply to us today in our time?

Suggested reading for further study:

To get another viewpoint on Isaiah, return to **Great People of the Bible and How They Lived**, from the Reader’s Digest, and read chapter 14, “Isaiah: Prophet of Hardship and Hope.”