

God's Discipline

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One day I was asked by a woman to explain to her the meaning of Isaiah chapter 9. She told that the Lord had spoke to her repeatedly about this chapter, Isaiah 9, but she is not able to understand it.

When I read Isaiah 9, I understood of how God dealing with His people and He is disciplining them.

1 Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more

grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. There is vexation, dimness and darkness to the people who are away from the lord, who left His church and His sanctuary and went ahead with their own ways. *Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.* This is the region of the ten tribes that had separated themselves from the leadership of Judah in Jerusalem. For this reason they were afflicted and troubled by different kinds of trials as punishment for their sins and as a way for God to force them to return to HIM. The same will be the situation of those who went away from God.

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. While people in darkness and under the bad effect of sin and trespass and the work of demons, the Lord would reveal Himself to them, as in the days when He revealed Himself to us. In the New Testament the first region that Jesus started His ministry of preaching was in the region of Galilee, *"13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephtholim: 14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, 15 The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephtholim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; 16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. 17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."* (Matthew 4:13-17 KJV) Jesus started his ministry from the region of the tribe of *Zebulun and the land of Naphtali*, being the farthest from the city of Jerusalem is the most affected area with the foreign invasions of the surrounding nations. As Jesus entering the life of the people there will be light coming into their lives that removing darkness, pain, suffering and death due to sin and the work of Devil. As people repent in response to the preaching of Jesus, then light will enter their lives and they will be able to see light and the plan of God in their lives and the path that God wants them to go through.

3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. As Jesus entering the people lives then they will have increase and they will be multiply. They will have joy and will have joyful life. The joy that Jesus give does not depend on how much increase that you have but it depend on how much Jesus is in your life.

4 For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. When Jesus entering people life He will break the yoke of the slavery that Satan had put them in. Gideon broke the yoke of slavery that Israel was undergone by Midian. As God used Gideon to deliver His people, Jesus delivers us from the yoke of slavery that devil put people under heavy burden.

5 For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. People in this world they will use worldly ways and weapons to solve their problems. But with Jesus we have weapon of divine origin, *"4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)* *5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"* (2Corinthians 10:4-5 KJV)

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. This is the prophecy about Jesus' birth and His coming on earth to redeem us from sin and death, **the government shall be upon his shoulder:** Christ is responsible to the government that God entrusted to Him. Christ also wants His followers to be responsible to the duties that He entrusted to them.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Christ's government will have no end, and it will be expanding, and those who follow Christ will have peace in their heart even turmoil is going outside. Justice and sound judgment will be there in the decision making. The Lord will accomplish all that in Christ' Kingdom. When people would come at first to Christ they will experience all those things and they will enjoy them and will enjoy life living in the peace and the joy of God.

8 The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. After receiving Christ, the Lord shall send His word to His people who received Him as Lord for their lives. This Word of God will come and reach His people who should respond appropriately to it.

9 And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart, What is happening here is that Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria where the ten tribes that was divided, will defy the word of God and they will behave in pride against God's Word and will. The people who received Christ they should be humble to receive His will and do what HE wants them to do.

10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycomores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars. God when His people are proud, He will send calamities on them to restrain them from doing evil. But instead that they will humble down and repent, they will retaliate and fight against God. God will oppose them by letting the bricks fall down and they will say **but we will build with hewn stones.** God will cause the sycomores trees to fall down, and they say, **but we will change them into cedars.** Many are the people of God who will not hearken to the discipline and the action of God and they will insist to continue to do their own.

11 Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and join his enemies together; Rezin is the king of Syria was hired by the Northern Kingdom to invade Judah. But use the **adversary of Rezin,** the king of Assyria to destroy the Northern Kingdom who conspired against Judah.

12 The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. In addition to the above enemy, the Lord will send another to enemies who will attack them from behind and from the front. But **For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.** But they did not repent; therefore He continued His campaign against His non repented people.

13 For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts. They were still stiffed neck and would not turn toward God in spite that He smote them.

14 Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day. Therefore because of their hard headedness the Lord decided to cut the head and the tail from among them. He explained here who was the head and the tail, **15 The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.** The leaders who lead the people in the wrong way and the prophets who tell lies to the people will be cut down and removed by the Lord, **16 For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.** The leaders and the prophets should discipline the people, correct them, and lead them in the right way.

17 Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for every one is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. After He would be dealing with their men, the Lord will not be happy and have the delight with the children of His people that are unfaithful to him. God will neither support their orphans nor widows. People may say 'Why God is doing that?' **for every one is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly.** In spite of all this they did not repent. Therefore, **For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.** And God would continue to deal with the sins and the wickedness of His people, **18 For wickedness burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briars and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke.**

19 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother. With the anger of God life is becoming more difficult; the same fire of The Holy Spirit who will deliver you and free you from your enemies, the same Holy Spirit will be causing you pain and trouble you as long as you are not repenting. **No man shall spare his brother.** The people will be more aggressive to one another when they are not repenting and out of their frustration they will abuse one another because of the need that they are in.

20 And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm: They will snatch more and they will eat more but they are unsatisfied. The people will ultimately will start to eat their own flesh, **they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm:** The people of God if they will not repent they will eat their own children, as it is written in the Word of God.

A- **"29 And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat." (Leviticus 26:29 KJV)**

B- **"20 Behold, O LORD, and consider to whom thou hast done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, and children of a span long? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?" (Lamentations 2;20 KJV)**

C- **"53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee: 54 So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he**

shall leave: 55 So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates. 56 The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, 57 And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.” (Deuteronomy 2 8:53-57)

D- “24 And it came to pass after this, that Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria. 25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung* for five pieces of silver. 26 And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king. 27 And he said, If the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barnfloor, or out of the winepress? 28 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow. 29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son.” 2Kings 6:24-29)

It is apparent now, children are sold by their parents, as you can hear about human trafficking, children pornography, children who are sent by their parents to work and earn living and give to their parents, as God's Word says, *they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm:*

21 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. The troubles and the famine will continue as long as the people are non repenting, **Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh:** Manasseh and Ephraim, are brothers but they will be fighting against the Judah, the church, that they are separated from. Instead of that they will repent and go back to God and His sanctuary in Judah, they will gather together and fight against the church that teach them and correct them with God's Word.

For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. Three times this statement is repeated, people are not willing to repent and God will continue to discipline them in order to return to Him.

My dear and beloved: Go through the message and commit your life and your ways to God. Repent of all your sins. Turn away toward God and take heed of all the discipline that God is inflicting on you. Do not retaliate and do not defy God, as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your word that makes things clear to me. Lord I ask you forgiveness for _____. Today I repent of moving on my own ways and will. I commit myself to humble down before you and

abide with your Word and your teaching that you gave to me. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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