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Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

In what ways have you chosen faithfulness over worldly success? Can God use successes in our lives to accomplish His will? If so, how?

In what ways do Christians demonstrate the reality of the "new heart" promised in this passage?

Why is it easy to go through the motions of Christianity without truly allowing God to change us? What are the dangers of this type of lifestyle?

The Southern Kingdom's situation was dire but never hopeless. How did God bring hope through judgment? Why does God always preserve a remnant of His people?

SERIES: God 's Story - Part 1

NEXT WEEK

The Exile: God Prepares His People for Deliverance

- Daniel 1:8-17
- Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Decline and Fall of the Southern Kingdom
Isa 6:8-13; Jer 31:31-34; Joel 2:12-13; 2 Chron 36:15-21

God warned His people of the consequences of idolatry (Isa. 6:8-13)

Scriptural Cross-References

(Rom 11:8-10) 8 Just as it is written: "God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see And ears that they should not hear, To this very day." 9 And David says: " Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them. 10 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, And bow down their back always."

(Matt 16:24) 24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

(Rom 1:24,26) 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

(Rom 1:25) 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.

God promised His people a new covenant that would result in new hearts (Jer. 31:31-34)

Scriptural Cross-References

(2 Tim 2:13) 13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

(Joel 2:28-29) 28 "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

(Heb 8:12) 12 For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

(Heb 10:16-17) 16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," 17 then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

God called His people to repentance by exalting His own gracious character (Joel 2:12-13)

Scriptural Cross-References

(2 Cor 7:10-11) 10 For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. 11 For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

God judged His people through the exile (2 Chron. 36:15-21)

Scriptural Cross-References

(Gen 3:23-24) 23 therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

(John 4:13-14) 13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

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