

The book of Isaiah can feel overwhelming and not easily accessible. It's long, poetic, emotional, and full of wild imagery. Isaiah can also feel "all over the place." One moment he confronts sin and injustice; the next he describes future hope, peace, and restoration.

That's because Isaiah is prophetic literature. The prophets were not fortune tellers trying to confuse people with hidden codes. They were messengers from God calling people to:

- Wake up
- Return to God
- Trust Him again
- Hope in His future salvation

As you read parts of Isaiah this week, keep three questions in mind:

- What is broken?
- What does God say about it?
- What hope does God offer?

Grab your notebook and Bible, and let's get started.

Parents: Isaiah points powerfully to Jesus as the Savior God promised. This week's Parent Prompt will help you talk with your kids and students about what it means that Jesus came to save us, how God keeps His promises, and why the hope of the gospel changes everything. [Parent Prompt](#)

Week 19 Memory Verse | Isaiah 41:10

Monday, May 11

Read: Isaiah 1:1–20

Reflect: Isaiah begins rather intensely. God confronts empty worship, injustice, and rebellion. His people were still practicing religion outwardly, but their hearts and lives were disconnected from Him.

This is essential for understanding prophecy. The prophets were not mainly speaking to people “out there.” They were often speaking to God’s own people.

Isaiah exposes a painful and far too common reality: it is possible to appear spiritual while drifting far from God.

But notice something important. Even in confrontation, God invites restoration: “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow.”

Prophecy is not only about God’s judgment—it is also about God’s redemption.

Act: Ask yourself honestly: Where are my outward life and inward life disconnected?

Write one sentence beginning: “God, I don’t want to just appear faithful in...”

Pray: Lord, search my heart honestly. Help me not settle for surface-level faith. Draw me closer in relationship with You. Amen.

Tuesday, May 12

Read: Isaiah 2:1–5; Isaiah 9:1–7

Reflect: One of the unique things about prophetic books is how they move between present problems and future hope. Isaiah sees darkness—but he also sees what God will eventually do.

These passages point forward:

- peace replacing violence
- light overcoming darkness
- a coming King bringing justice

This is one reason Isaiah is quoted so often in the New Testament. The prophets prepared people to recognize Jesus.

Hope in Scripture is not denial of darkness. It is confidence that darkness will not win forever.

Act: Write two lists:

- Areas where you see darkness right now
- Ways Jesus brings light into those places

Then pray specifically over them.

Pray: Jesus, thank You for being the light in darkness. When the world feels heavy or broken, help me anchor my hope in Your kingdom and Your promises. Amen.

Wednesday, May 13

Read: Isaiah 6:1–8

Reflect: Isaiah's calling begins with a vision of God's holiness. Everything changes when Isaiah truly sees the Lord:

- He becomes aware of his sin
- He experiences cleansing
- He responds with surrender

This pattern matters deeply:

1. Vision of God
2. Awareness of self
3. Grace from God
4. Submission to God

Many people want purpose without surrender or significance without transformation. Isaiah reminds us that being near to God is what accomplishes those things within us.

Notice too: God cleanses Isaiah **before** sending him. Grace comes before mission.

Act: Spend two quiet minutes considering and slowly repeating: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.”

Then reflect: What do I become more aware of when I focus on God’s holiness?

Pray: God, open my eyes to who You truly are. Cleanse what needs cleansing in me and shape my life for Your purposes. Here I am—send me. Amen.

Thursday, May 14

Read: Isaiah 36:1–20; Isaiah 37:14–20

Reflect: Much of Isaiah takes place during a time of national fear and uncertainty. The threats are real. The enemies are powerful. The fear is understandable.

But Isaiah repeatedly calls people to trust God instead of panicking. King Hezekiah gives us a beautiful example. Instead of carrying the burden alone, he spreads the threatening letter before the Lord in prayer. That’s a powerful picture of trust.

Faith does not mean pretending problems are small. It means recognizing that God is greater.

Act: Write down one fear, burden, or pressure you’re carrying right now. Then physically lay it out in front of you and pray: “Lord, I place this before You. I entrust it into Your hands.”

Pray: Father, when fear rises in me, help me bring my burdens to You instead of carrying them alone. Teach me to trust You more deeply. Amen.

Friday, May 15

Read: Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Reflect: This is one of the clearest prophetic pictures of Jesus in the entire Old Testament. Isaiah describes:

- rejection
- suffering
- sacrifice
- substitution
- healing

Long before Jesus was born, Isaiah points toward a Savior who would suffer for others. This is one of the deepest themes we find in Old Testament prophecy, that God’s rescue would come in an unexpected way.

People expected power. Jesus came with sacrifice.
People expected domination. Jesus came with surrender.

The cross was not the failure it appeared to be in the moment—it was fulfillment.

Act: Read Isaiah 53 slowly a second time. Underline or write down every phrase that describes what the servant does for others. Then thank Jesus personally for one specific part that stands out to you.

Pray: Jesus, thank You for carrying what I could not carry myself. Thank You for suffering in my place and making healing, forgiveness, and peace possible. Amen.

Saturday, May 16 – Sunday, May 17

Read: Isaiah 40:27–31; Isaiah 65:17–25; Revelation 21:1–5

Reflect: Isaiah does not end with despair. It ends with rescue. God promises:

- renewed strength
- comfort
- justice
- peace
- new creation

Prophetic books often stretch our vision forward. They remind us that God’s story is bigger than our current moment in time.

Many of us live exhausted, discouraged, and cynical. Isaiah reminds us that we are missing an essential truth: God is not finished.

The same God who speaks the truth about our sin also promises restoration for those who trust Him. Ultimately, Isaiah’s hope points toward the final renewal found in Jesus: “He is making everything new.”

Act: Finish these two sentences:

- “Right now, I feel weary in...”
- “God promises renewal through...”

Pray: Lord, renew my strength when I grow weary. Lift my eyes beyond my present circumstances and anchor my hope in the future You are preparing. Amen.