

Isaiah Week 22

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THE FIFTH GOSPEL



Isaiah 29: 10 (NIV)

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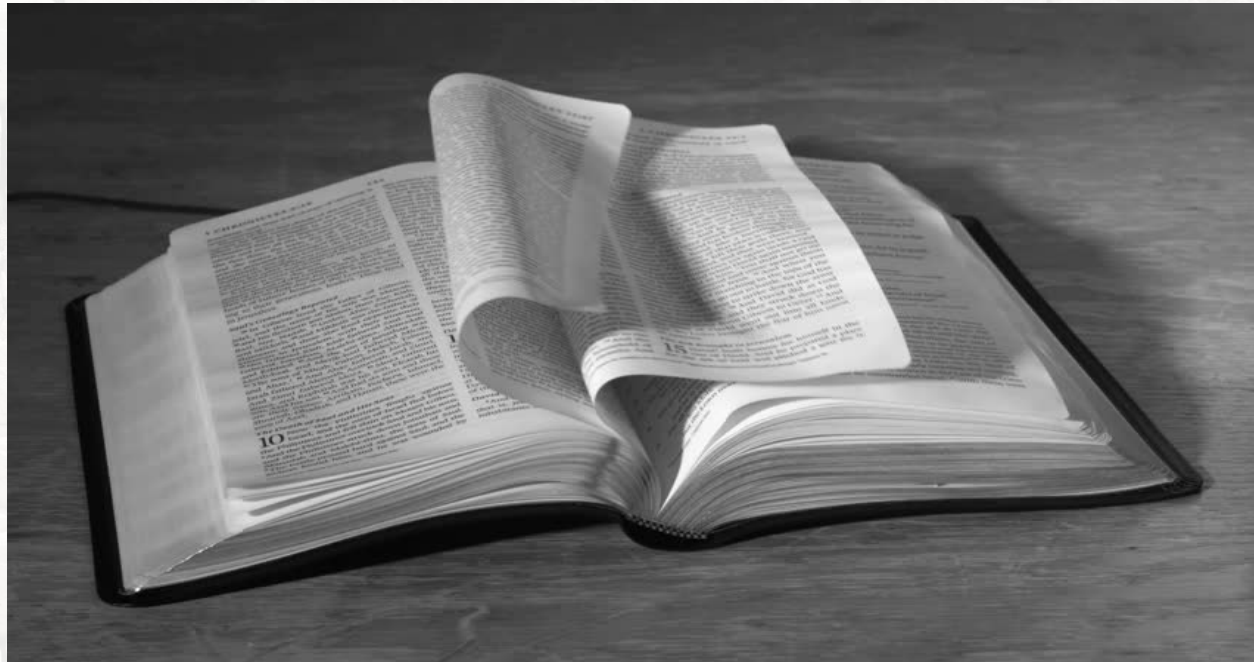
*He has sealed your eyes (the
prophets);*

*he has covered your heads (the
seers).*

The Israelites have become
drunk on false doctrines &
manmade traditions

Please turn to:

Mark 7: 8-13



Mark 7: 8-13 (NIV)

You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!”

Mark 7: 8-13 (NIV)

For Moses said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.' But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God) –

Mark 7: 8-13 (NIV)

then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

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Isaiah 29: 11 (NIV)

For you this whole vision is nothing but words sealed in a scroll.

And if you give the scroll to someone who can read, and say, "Read this, please," they will answer, "I can't; it is sealed."

Question

What does it mean when something is sealed?

Question

Do we have people today
who feel the Bible does not
apply to us today?



Does everything
in the Bible still
**apply
today?**

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Question

Do we have people today
who have a Bible but keep it
sealed?





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THE BIBLE IS IN 87% OF AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS

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Question

If the Bible is in 87% of the homes in America, then why is our nation in the spiritual condition it is in?

Isaiah 29: 12 (NIV)

Or if you give the scroll to someone who cannot read, and say, "Read this, please," they will answer, "I don't know how to read."

Question

Do we have people today
who are Bible illiterate?

Question

Why?

Question

Have you ever heard
someone say that they don't
read the Bible because they
cannot understand it?

Question

What would happen if everyone were to open the Bible and read it?

Isaiah 29: 13 (NIV)

The Lord says:

*“These people come near to me with
their mouth*

*and honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.*

*Their worship of me
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they have been taught.*

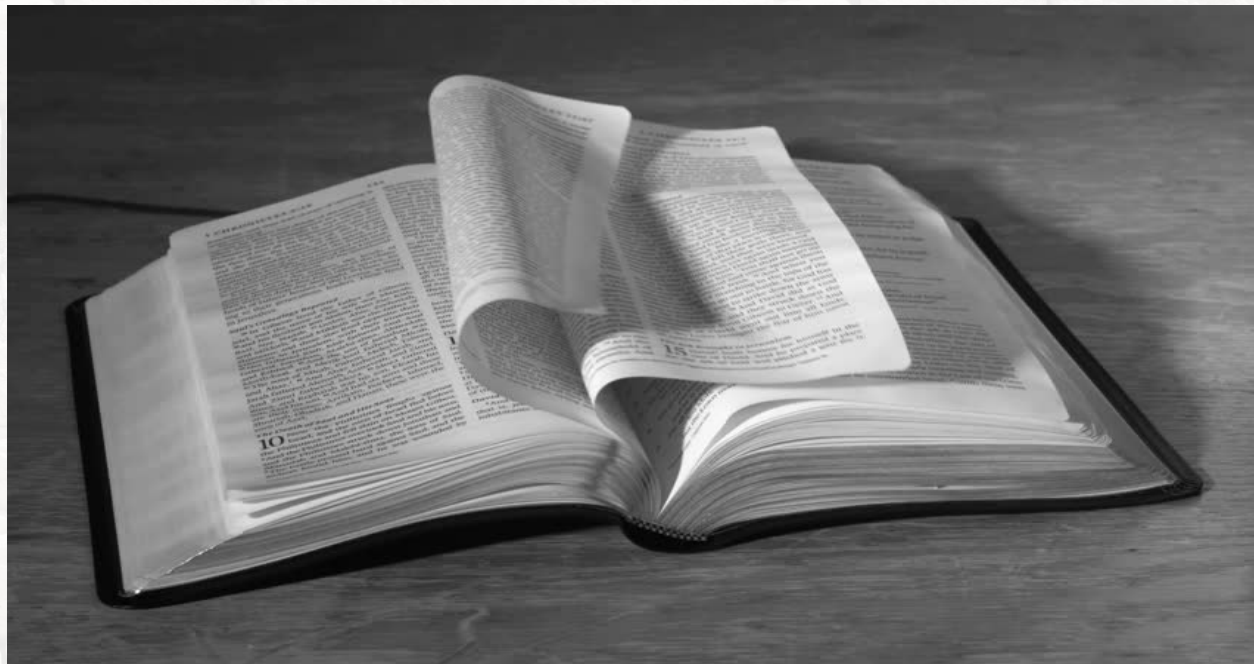
Question

What does it mean to honor
God with your mouth and
lips but not your heart?

Question

Do we see this today?

Please turn to:
James 1: 21-26



James 1: 21-26 (NIV)

Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

James 1: 21-26 (NIV)

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

James 1: 21-26 (NIV)

But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it – not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do.

James 1: 21-26 (NIV)

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

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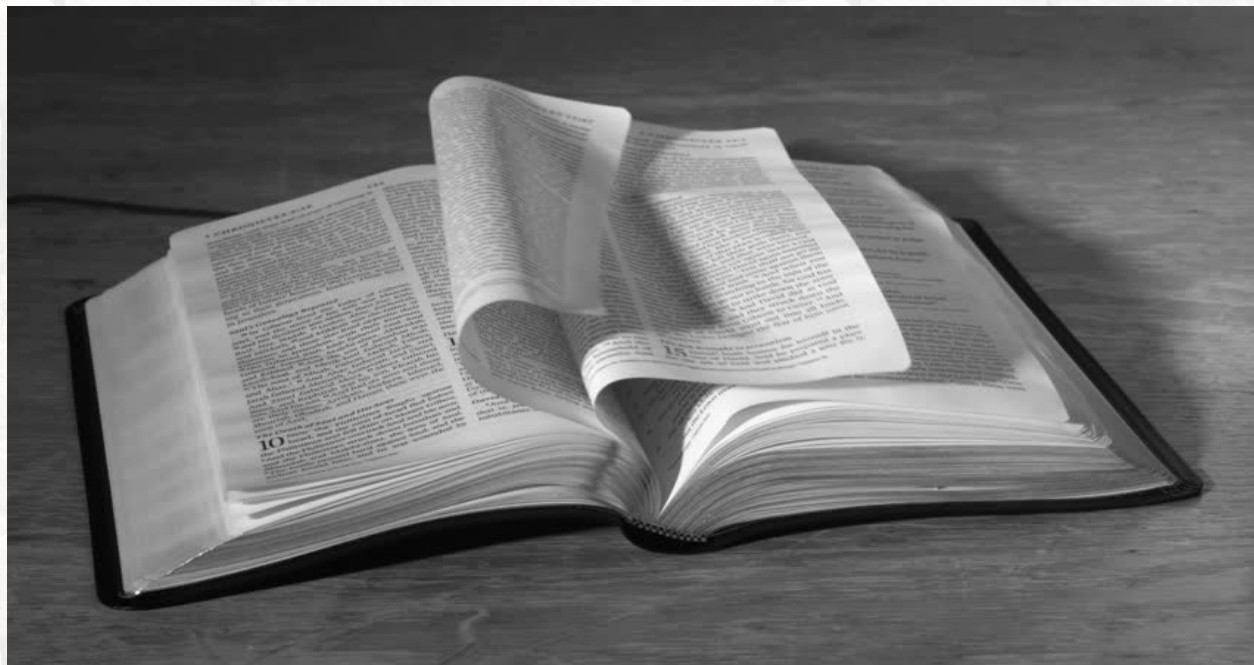
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Question

What happens when people worship God based solely on what others have told them?

Please turn to:
2 Timothy 4: 1-5



2 Timothy 4: 1-5 (NIV)

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:

2 Timothy 4: 1-5 (NIV)

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.

Question

If we are never to judge if someone is right or wrong then how can we correct and rebuke?

2 Timothy 4: 1-5 (NIV)

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

2 Timothy 4: 1-5 (NIV)

They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Question

Who are these people
listening to?

Question

Do we see this today?

Question

What are some examples?

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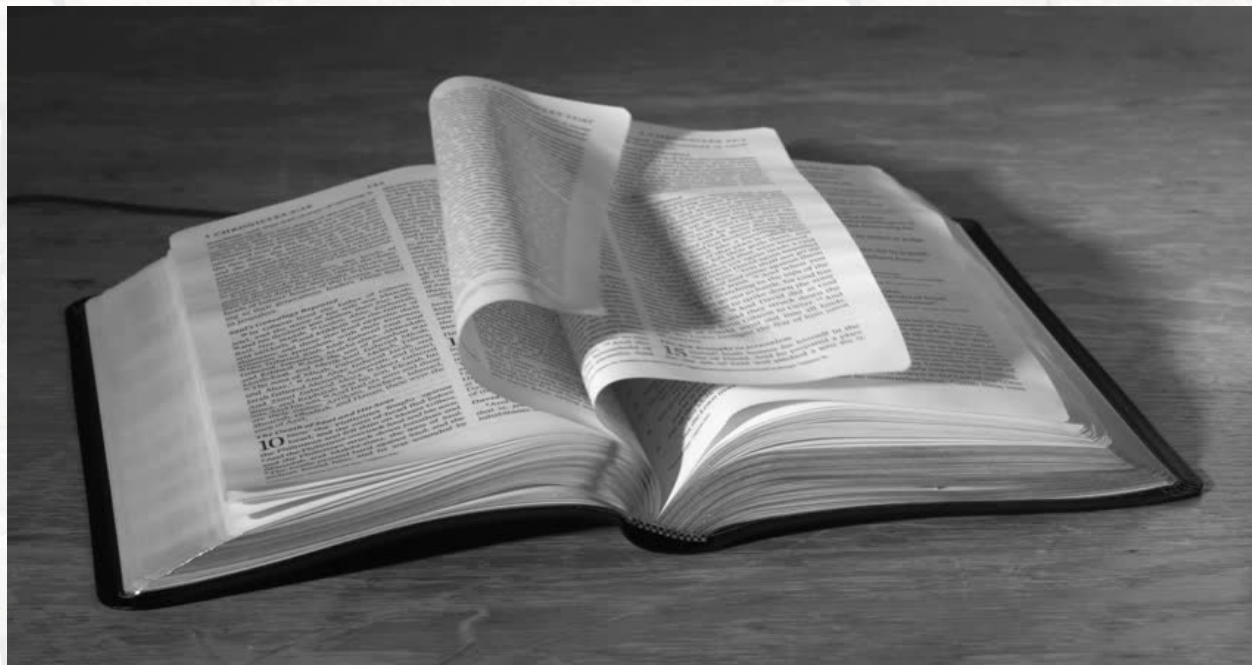
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Question

Where do we find the Truth?

Please turn to:

Acts 17: 11



Acts 17: 11 (NIV)

Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Question

What happens when you do not fact check what you are taught to see if it is the Truth?

Question

Who masquerades as truth?

Isaiah 29: 14 (NIV)

*Therefore once more I will astound
these people
with wonder upon wonder;
the wisdom of the wise will perish,
the intelligence of the intelligent
will vanish.”*

Question

Do you ever feel like wisdom
and intelligence has
vanished?

Question

What is the sign that you are a hypocrite?

Isaiah 29: 15 (NIV)

*Woe to those who go to great depths
to hide their plans from the Lord,
who do their work in darkness and
think,
“Who sees us? Who will know?”*

Isaiah 29: 16 (NIV)

You turn things upside down,
as if the potter were thought to be
like the clay!

Shall what is formed say to the one
who formed it,

“You did not make me”?

Can the pot say to the potter,
“You know nothing”?

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Isaiah 29: 17 (NIV)

In a very short time, will not
Lebanon be turned into a fertile field
and the fertile field seem like a
forest?

Isaiah 29: 18 (NIV)

In that day *the deaf will hear the
words of the scroll,
and out of gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind will see.*

Isaiah 29: 19 (NIV)

*Once more the humble will rejoice
in the Lord;
the needy will rejoice in the Holy
One of Israel.*

Isaiah 29: 20 (NIV)

*The ruthless will vanish,
the mockers will disappear,
and all who have an eye for evil
will be cut down*

Isaiah 29: 21 (NIV)

*those who with a word make
someone out to be guilty,
who ensnare the defender in
court
and with false testimony deprive
the innocent of justice.*

Isaiah 29: 22 (NIV)

*Therefore this is what the Lord,
who redeemed Abraham, says to the
descendants of Jacob:*

*“No longer will Jacob be ashamed;
no longer will their faces grow
pale.*

Isaiah 29: 23 (NIV)

*When they see among them their
children,
the work of my hands,
they will keep my name holy;
they will acknowledge the
holiness of the Holy One of Jacob,
and will stand in awe of the God
of Israel.*

Isaiah 29: 24 (NIV)

*Those who are wayward in spirit
will gain understanding;
those who complain will accept
instruction.”*

Isaiah 30: 1 (NIV)

*“Woe to the obstinate children,”
declares the Lord,
“to those who carry out plans that
are not mine,
forming an alliance, but not by
my Spirit,
heaping sin upon sin;*

Isaiah 30: 2 (NIV)

*who go down to Egypt
without consulting me;
who look for help to Pharaoh's
protection,
to Egypt's shade for refuge.*

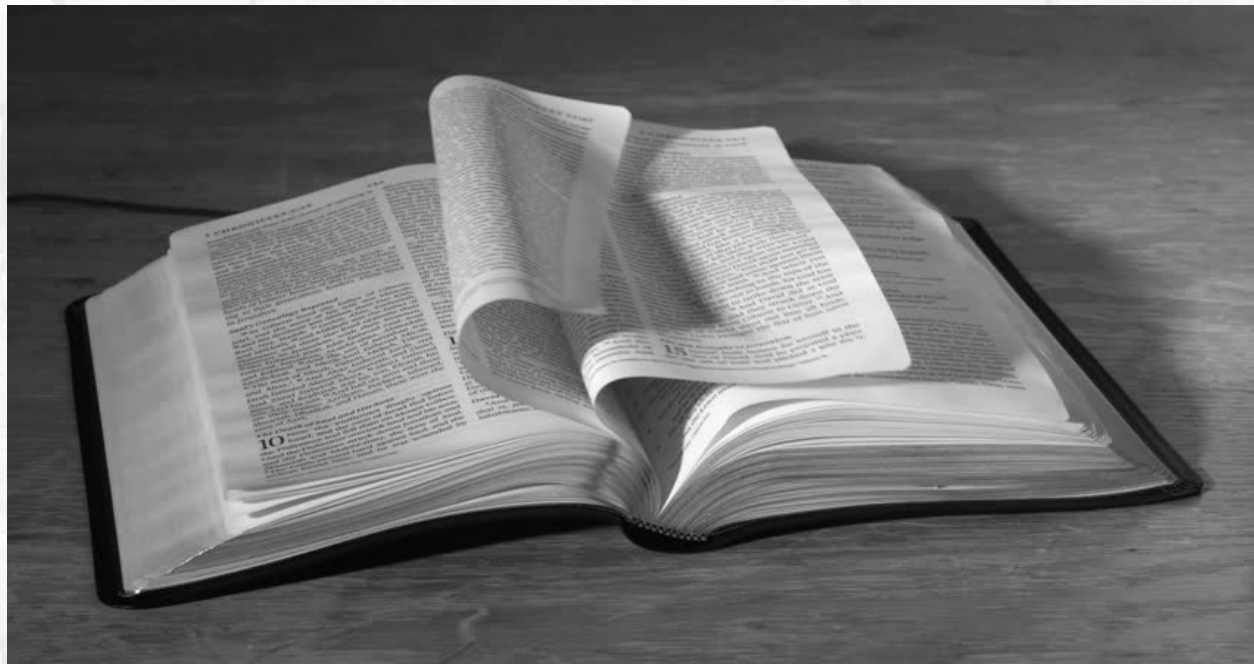
Question

Who are they putting their
trust in?

Isaiah 30: 3 (NIV)

*But Pharaoh's protection will be to
your shame,
Egypt's shade will bring you
disgrace.*

Please turn to:
2 Kings 17: 4



2 Kings 17: 4 (NLT)

But Hoshea stopped paying the annual tribute and conspired against the king of Assyria by asking King So of Egypt to help him shake free of Assyria's power. When the king of Assyria discovered this treachery, he seized Hoshea and put him in prison.

Isaiah 30: 4 (NIV)

*Though they have officials in Zoan
and their envoys have arrived in
Hanes,*



Isaiah 30: 5 (NIV)

*everyone will be put to shame
because of a people useless to
them,
who bring neither help nor
advantage,
but only shame and disgrace.”*

Isaiah 30: 6 (NIV)

*A prophecy concerning the animals
of the Negev:
Through a land of hardship and
distress,
of lions and lionesses,*

Isaiah 30: 6 (NIV)

*of adders and darting snakes,
the envoys carry their riches on
donkeys' backs,
their treasures on the humps of
camels,
to that unprofitable nation,*

Isaiah 30: 7 (NIV)

*to Egypt, whose help is utterly
useless.*

*Therefore I call her
Rahab the Do-Nothing.*

Rahab means proud and is
an old name for Egypt

Isaiah 30: 8 (NIV)

*Go now, write it on a tablet for
them,*

inscribe it on a scroll,

that for the days to come

it may be an everlasting witness.

Isaiah 30: 9 (NIV)

*For these are rebellious people,
deceitful children,
children unwilling to listen to
the Lord's instruction.*

Isaiah 30: 10 (NIV)

*They say to the seers,
“See no more visions!”
and to the prophets,
“Give us no more visions of what
is right!
Tell us pleasant things,
prophecy illusions.*

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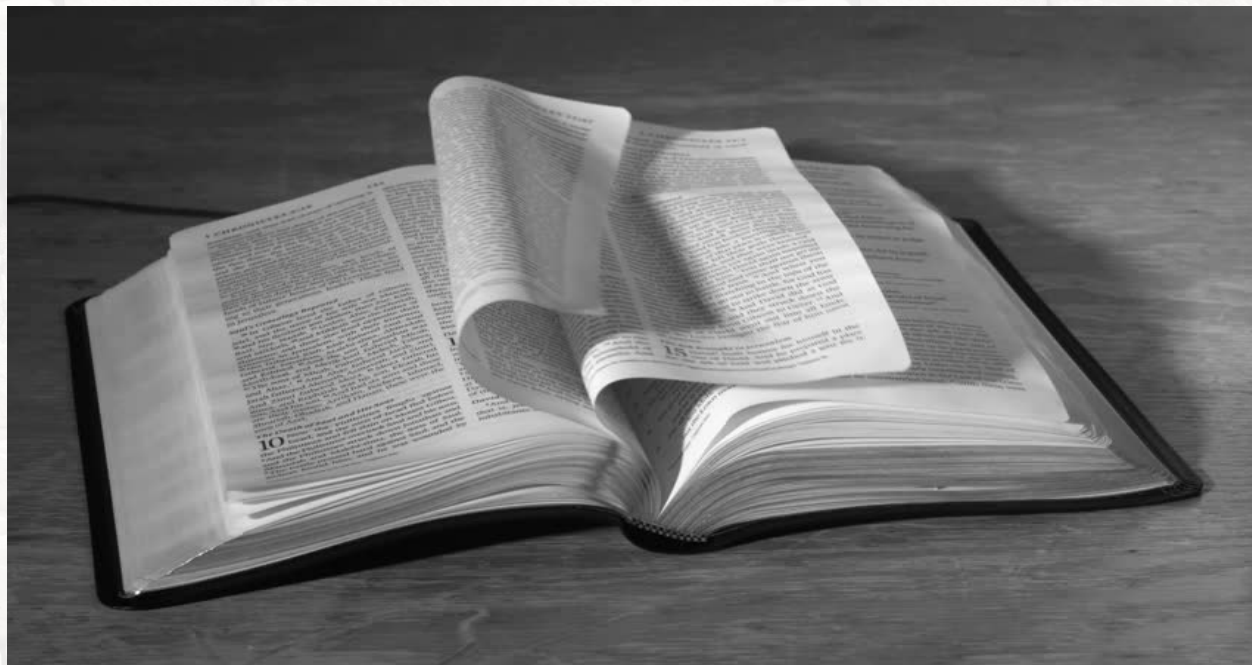
What is the world really saying when they only want to hear what their itching ears want to hear, when they only want lies and not Truth?

Isaiah 30: 11 (NIV)

*Leave this way,
get off this path,
and stop confronting us
with the Holy One of Israel!”*

Please turn to:

Psalm 2: 1-6



Psalm 2: 1-6 (NLT)

*Why are the nations so angry?
Why do they waste their time
with futile plans?*

Psalm 2: 1-6 (NLT)

*The kings of the earth prepare for
battle;
the rulers plot together
against the Lord
and against his anointed one.*

Psalm 2: 1-6 (NLT)

“Let us break their chains,” they cry, “and free ourselves from slavery to God.”

Psalm 2: 1-6 (NLT)

*But the one who rules in heaven
laughs.*

The Lord scoffs at them.

*Then in anger he rebukes them,
terrifying them with his fierce
fury.*

Psalm 2: 1-6 (NLT)

For the Lord declares, "I have placed my chosen king on the throne in Jerusalem, on my holy mountain."

Question

What happens to those who
listen to the lies and not the
Truth?

Isaiah 30: 12 (NIV)

Therefore this is what the Holy
One of Israel says:

“Because you have rejected this
message,
relied on oppression
and depended on deceit,

Isn't it interesting that when
the people of a nation wants
to only hear what their
itching ears want to hear it
becomes a nation of
oppression and deceit.

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Isaiah 30: 13 (NIV)

*this sin will become for you
like a high wall, cracked and
bulging,
that collapses suddenly, in an
instant.*

Isaiah 30: 14 (NIV)

*It will break in pieces like pottery,
shattered so mercilessly
that among its pieces not a fragment
will be found
for taking coals from a hearth
or scooping water out of a
cistern.”*

What Sin Does to Us Spiritually

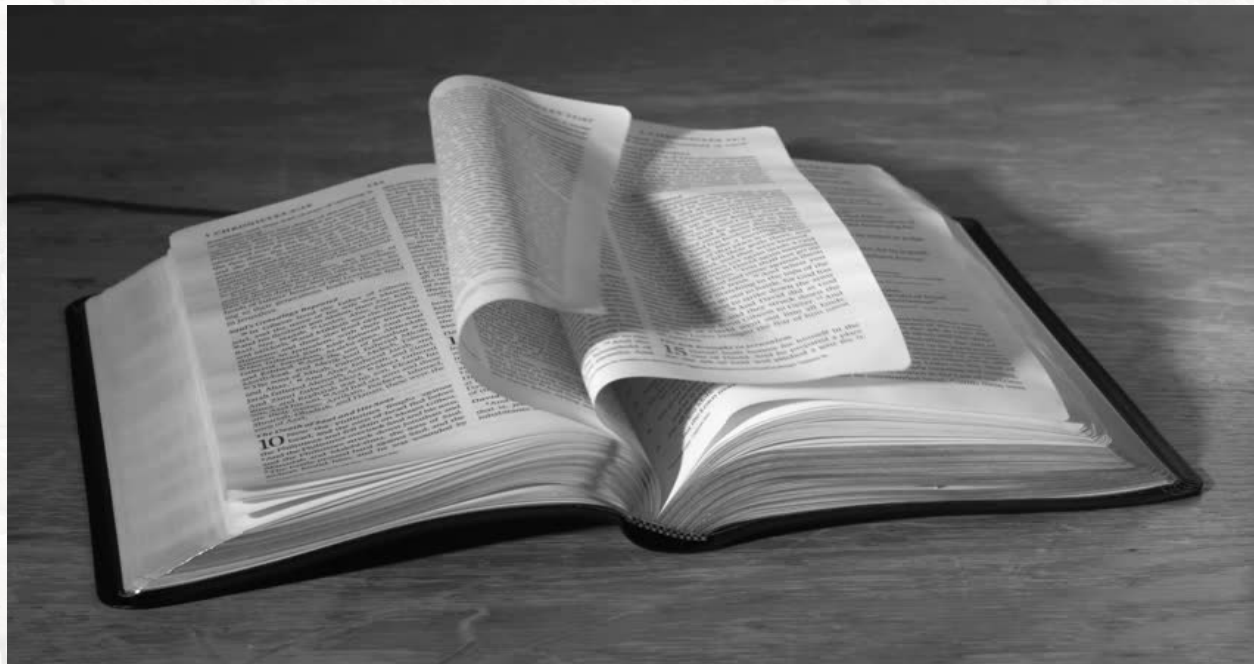


Isaiah 30: 15 (NIV)

*This is what the Sovereign Lord,
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*“In repentance and rest is your
salvation,
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strength,
but you would have none of it.*

Please turn to:
Matthew 11: 28-30



Matthew 11: 28-30 (NIV)

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

The Choice is Ours

God gives everyone a choice:

Repentance and Grace

Or

Lack of Repentance and
Rejection of God's Grace

Repentance/Accepting God's Grace



Lack of Repentance/Rejection of Grace



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Isaiah 30: 16 (NIV)

*You said, 'No, we will flee on horses.' Therefore you will flee!
You said, 'We will ride off on swift horses.' Therefore your pursuers will be swift!*

Question

Instead of trusting in God and repenting, what are these people putting their trust in?

Sound Familiar

They are saying “No we will trust in our government and our military to bring us peace and protect us.

We will do it our own way, without God.”

Isaiah 30: 17 (NIV)

*A thousand will flee
at the threat of one;
at the threat of five
you will all flee away,
till you are left
like a flagstaff on a mountaintop,
like a banner on a hill.”*

When a nation departs from
God they become fearful.

I believe God is trying to get our nation's attention with this election, the unrest, coronavirus, terrorist attacks, anarchy in the streets and overall lack of peace.

We must not make the same mistakes as the Israelites by thinking that our government can save us.



Only God can save
us!