

8-Week Study

The Good Deed 15 Minute Club a continuance of 10 Brave Christians

1. who will meet together once each week to pray together.
2. who will give two hours each week to God.
3. who will get up 15 minutes early each morning for prayer and meditation.
4. who will witness for God their experience to others.

This program is different from the 10 Brave Christians in that it takes less time in the morning and isn't time-limited.

It is similar to the 10 Brave Christians in that both require study and meditation on a verse or short verses and daily good deeds.

The Words of the Prophets for Today

A prophet. A person who speaks the truth for God. A person who records the very words of God. A person who sees what others do not.

Many of the prophecies of the Old Testament were written down for the people of that day and have a specific audience and a specific fulfillment. Many find their fulfillment in the New Testament, and many are yet to be fulfilled at the end times.

However, a close study of the major and minor prophets will reveal words of timeless truth, warnings and promises that show the character and truth of God, and thus speak to us.

This is an eight week study of some of the general prophecies of the Old Testament. The weeks have been roughly divided into eight general categories dealing with the nature of God, warnings for individual, warnings for the nations, words of hope, cautions against pride and encouraging repentance, words showing the steadfastness available to God's people, and finally the promises of a new covenant.

Week One
The Nature of God Revealed

The following seven prophecies will help show the nature and character of God as revealed to the Old Testament prophets.

Please remember throughout the entire study that the recurring phrase “Thus says the Lord” or “The Lord says” is meant to be taken literally. These are the very words of God, spoken and recorded for and to you.

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Nature of God

Scripture for Today: Isaiah 43:10-13

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Week Two

Warnings for the Individual

How many times have parents warned their children not to do something or to do something over and over, only to have the children ignore the advice and warning and suffer the consequences.

Having seen last week the character of God, you know that God is like that good parent, patiently warning people over and over again, only to have them ignore the warning. This week's readings are warnings that are largely addressed to the individual believer.

Two of the longer ones were specifically given to the people of Israel returning to rebuild the temple after the exile, but the cautions to not disregard God's work for our own pursuits are timeless and were thus included.

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Warnings for the Individual

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Warnings for the Individual

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Warnings for the Individual

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Week Three
Words of Our Hope

All the warnings and promises of punishment and consequences can be overwhelming. Perhaps that is why there are so many words of comfort and hope in the prophets. Like the Psalmist says, As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

Having had a week of warnings, this week will be a refreshing one of the Hope and Promise that God has given to those who love and seek Him.

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Words of Our Hope

Scripture for Today: Isaiah 40:28-31

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Words of Our Hope

Scripture for Today: Isaiah 1:18

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Scripture for Today: Isaiah 25:8-9

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Week Four

Worship Warnings

Does God care how we worship as long as we're worshipping him and we're sincere? The following passages state strongly that He does.

It is not enough to have the proper form and rituals and to read the right Bible version and sing the classic hymns; worship is more than any of those things. A worship that is nothing but being correct and ritualistic is just that, nothing.

What is true worship? As you will see this week, true worship has less to do with what you do than it does with the state of your heart and motives while you're doing it. It is not a reflection of what you do but of your love for God as it shows in your treatment of Him and especially of others.

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Scripture for Today: Isaiah 58:13-14

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Worship Warnings

Scripture for Today: Isaiah 1:11-17

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Week Five
Pride and Repentance

Pride and arrogance. Some say it was the sin that transformed the worshiper Lucifer into the enemy Satan. Since the original sin, men and women have acted like they know more than God. This pride is one of the things that God finds most objectionable, yet even in the worst of pride God is ever reaching out to people to humble themselves and to repentance.

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Pride and Repentance

Scripture for Today: Isaiah 44:13-20

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Pride and Repentance

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Week Six

Steadfastness of God and God's People

“A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.” As Martin Luther paraphrased the Psalmists, God is a source of refuge, of certainty in an uncertain world, a fortress you can rely upon.

This week's scriptures emphasize the steadfastness that is found in God and the promise that He can make that same steadfastness a part of your life.

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Steadfastness

Scripture for Today: Isaiah 40:6-8

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Steadfastness

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Week Seven
Warnings for Nations

It is not only individuals and worshippers who are warned of the consequences of their actions or inactions. Entire nations, lands and cities have been warned to change their ways and face disaster. Sometimes, like the city of Ninevah, the people believed and accepted the warning, changed their ways and avoided disaster. Other times, like the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, they did not.

This week's readings are God's warnings to the nations, sometimes to specific ones, sometimes warnings to all nations in general. Can you find our nation in these readings?

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National Warning

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Week Eight

The Promise of a New Covenant

After last week's dire readings and warnings, it's time for some good news. In fact, this final week's readings are all about **The Good News**.

At every communion service we partake of the cup that is to remind us that we are members of a new covenant, but sometimes we may forget or take for granted just how special that new covenant is.

This final week deals with the promises of a new covenant, promises that people for hundreds of years longed for but did not receive, promises that were written not for them, but for you.

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Scripture for Today: Hosea 4:1-3

First 10 minutes -- after reading carefully, pray and meditate on this scripture. Write out in less than 50 words how this passage applies to your life.

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