

Personal/Small Group Sermon Study

Week of February 5, 2023 A.D.

The People of God Will Be Students of the Word of God

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

Read Isaiah 55:6-9

1. Refer to verse 6. Is the Lord now (and/or has the Lord ever been) hiding from mankind? Is the Lord now (and/or has the Lord ever been) difficult to find? Why must a person seek the Lord? How does a person "call on the Lord"? If a person calls on the Lord: (a) what should the person say? and (b) does the Lord always respond?
2. Refer to verse 7. Who are "the wicked"? What is the "way" of the wicked? Is it possible for a wicked person to "forsake his way"? If so, how and for how long?
3. Why should a person seek: (a) God? and (b) mercy from God? Why does every person need God's pardon? How and why does God freely pardon any person?
4. What does it mean "to know God?" Is it the responsibility of every person everywhere to decide if he or she wants to know God? Why should any person ever want to know God? Why would any person choose not to know God? What is the eternal destiny of every person who chooses not know God?

Read Isaiah 55:8

5. Is verse 8 true for every person on earth at the current time? Is it possible for any human to (a) know all of God's thoughts? (b) always live according to God's thoughts? (c) know all of the ways of God? and/or (d) always live according to the ways of God?

Read Deuteronomy 29:29

6. What are some examples of "the secret things (which) belong to the Lord our God"? What are "the things revealed" and do those "revealed things" belong to every person on earth? Why has God revealed those things to mankind? When, why, and how does any person refuse to "follow all the words of the law"?

Read Hebrews 4:12-13

7. What is "the word of God"? Does every person on earth acknowledge and diligently seek to know "the word of God"? In your opinion, does every professing Christian in your church family diligently seek to know "the word of God"? Do you diligently seek to know "the word of God?"
8. Is verse 12 true (a) for every person on earth? (b) for every person who owns a Bible? (c) for every professing Christian in your church family? and (d) for you?
9. Is verse 13 true for every person who has ever been alive on planet earth? Has God made it possible for the message of verse 13 to be known by every person who has ever been alive on planet earth?

Read Luke 12:47-48

10. Will a person who has the opportunity to purchase, possess, and/or receive a Bible (which is written in his or her own language) be held accountable before God for everything that is written in the Bible?

Read John 15:12-17

11. In the eyes, heart, and mind of Christ, what is the real and eternal distinction between "a servant" of Jesus and "a friend" of Jesus? Are all people on earth God's servants? Are all people on earth God's friends?

Read John 15:9-14 and Matthew 4:1-4

12. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "A person who claims to be a Christian but who does not hunger and thirst to study and obey the scriptures is—at best—a person who is on spiritual life support or—at worst—a spiritually dead pagan."

Consider: When Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now ever defending them. (Romans 2:14-15) "You think about that!" Amen.