

LISTENER GUIDE

Sending Out an S.O.S

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Text: Isaiah 1–5 with particular focus on Isaiah 3:8–12, 16–26

Isaiah sounds four alarms. It's an SOS message for this generation.

The Crisis

The country was economically well off. Had a great army, was educationally and politically doing well (2:6–8).

But Isaiah tells them there's a crisis looming.

God's people are _____ unhealthy.

- They are making _____ (1:1–4).
- They have no _____ and no _____ (1:5).
- They're playing _____ (1:11–15).
- They're fooling around with _____ (1:21).

Things have reached a crisis point. The Lord makes a plea and gives an ultimatum (1:15–20).

- If you are willing and obedient you will _____ and _____ (1:19).
- BUT if you are unwilling to _____ to me, I am unwilling to _____ to you (1:15).
- If you don't change, you'll dry up or crash and burn like an oak that withers, like a garden without water (1:30–31).

The Condition

Common Woes

- Materialism (5:8)
- _____ (5:11–13)
- Cynicism (5:18–19)
- Revision (5:20)
- _____ (5:21)
- _____ (5:22–23)

Woes of the Women

- False _____ (3:12)
- _____ power (3:12)
- Arrogance (3:16)
- _____ forwardness (3:16)
- Obsession (3:18–23)
- Insolence (3:8–9)

The Consequences

Personal consequences

- Life will go _____ (3:24)
- _____ (3:24)
- Shame (3:24)
- Grief/sadness (3:24)
- _____ issues (3:24)
- _____ issues (3:25)
- _____ (3:26)
- Loneliness/desperation (4:1)

National Consequences

As go women, so goes the nation.

- _____ disaster (3:1)
- Lack of good _____ (3:2–3)
- Immature/selfish _____ (3:4)
- People lack _____ (3:5)
- Rise in _____ (3:5)
- Rise in _____ (3:7)
- Nation will _____ (3:6)

The Call (1:16)

- “Wash yourselves”
- “Cease to do evil”
- “Learn to do good”

This requires _____

The call is to stand against this massive tide of the direction things are going as part of a faithful _____.

His promise of how He will quickly rise up to respond and make sure things tip the right way is amazing. (Isa. 4:2–6)

When God corrects us, it is for our _____ and our _____.

This is a call for all of us. A call to seek His face for our own sake and that for our children, families, communities, church, nation, His glory.

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The Condition

Common Woes

- Materialism (5:8)
- Indulgence (5:11–13)
- Cynicism (5:18–19)
- Revision (5:20)
- Intellectualism (5:21)
- Conformity (5:22–23)

Woes of the Women

- False ideology (3:12)
- Girl power (3:12)
- Arrogance (3:16)
- Sexual forwardness (3:16)
- Obsession (3:18–23)
- Insolence (3:8–9)

The Consequences

Personal consequences

- Life will go sour (3:24)
- Bondage (3:24)
- Shame (3:24)
- Grief/sadness (3:24)
- Identity issues (3:24)
- Relationship issues (3:25)
- Emptiness (3:26)
- Loneliness/desperation (4:1)

National Consequences

As go women, so goes the nation.

- Economic disaster (3:1)
- Lack of good men (3:2–3)
- Immature/selfish leadership (3:4)
- People lack respect (3:5)
- Rise in crime (3:5)
- Rise in poverty (3:7)
- Nation will disintegrate (3:6)

The Call (1:16)

- “Wash yourselves”
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- “Learn to do good”

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