

- 1 **Isaiah 48.1-22**
A God of Principle:
Highlighting Major Themes
- 2 **God Deplores Lip Service Religiosity**
1-2
 - Some bank on their spiritual pedigree.
 - Some mouth the right things.
 - Some go through the motions of prayer
 - Yet their heart is not engaged.
 - Still they are bold enough to expect the Lord to be there for them though they are not really there for Him.
- 3 **God Will Take Care of His Name Whether We Do or Not.**
3-16
 - In the proper time God will challenge any misappropriation of His glory. 3-8
 - In the proper time God will emphatically assert His holiness. 9-11
 - In the proper time God will manifest His singularity and sovereignty in human affairs . 12-16
- 4 **God's Provides His Instructions for Our Benefit (17-19)**
 - Some think of God's law as an arbitrary test of our submission.
 - Actually God's law is a blessing, not a burden.
 - It exposes our native sinfulness.
 - It shows why we need a Savior and cannot earn salvation by our good works.
 - It illuminates the law of love (Matt. 22.36-40).
 - Walking in it
 - God's people enjoy God's blessing
 - God's people become a blessing to others.
- 5 **In His Time God Will Redeem His Suffering People**
20-21
 - In the past God delivered His people from the Egyptian captivity through His servant, Moses.
 - In the future (c.160 years) He promises to deliver His people from their Babylonian captivity through His servant, Cyrus the Great.
 - In the end God will redeem all His people, Jew and Gentile alike,

from this evil world when Christ returns.

- In the interim God constantly intervenes in history to preserve His Church and rescue His people from evil circumstances.

6 **God Consigns the Wicked to the Consequences (22)**

- A Modern Misconception

- Only *super sized* villains are 'wicked' such as
 - murderers and serial killers
 - thieves and robbers
 - kidnappers
 - rapists and child molesters
 - sexual perverts racists, right wingers and Wall Street robber barons

- The biblical reality

- The 'wicked' comprise all those who reject God and transgress His law.
- All who reject God's Son reject His Father.

7 **Summary Lessons**

- God detests lip service like an abused and neglected wife cringes at the 'for show' attentions of her insincere husband in public. Let's quit the charade. God sees it for what it is and rejects it.
- God will take care of His name either through us or despite us.
 - The former brings honor.
 - The latter brings disgrace.
 - Let's get on the right side of His intentions!

8 **Summary Lessons**

- God will come to the rescue of His people.
 - 1 Peter 1.6-9
 - For a time it may be necessary for us to suffer.
 - In His time He will make good on His promise.
- So be patient in harsh circumstances.
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 - In His time He will make good on His promise.

9 **Summary Lessons** **John 5.23; 10.30; 14.6-9**

- If one is not with Christ, one is not with God.
- If one are not with God, one qualifies as 'wicked'. (Matt. 13.49; Luke 11.29)
- If one remains in that camp, one has no prospect of the peace of God.
 - This dire situation need not exist.
 - You too can be saved.
 - Repent of your sin!
 - Trust in God's Son as your Savior!