

Abundant Life Church of Centreville- Midweek Bible Study- 3/25/2020
Shut the Front Door- Part 1: Introduction- Notes

“Come, my people, go home and shut yourselves in. Go into seclusion for a while until the punishing wrath is past,” Isaiah 26:20 (The Message Bible)

AIM: To **INSPIRE** you through **IMPARTATION** of Scripture; produce a **MANIFESTATION** of faith because faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God; guide you toward proper **APPLICATION** in your life.

Format: Online Meeting and Voice conferencing

Text: Isaiah Chapter 26

Focus: Introduction: God’s Judgment and Chastisement ?

A. This chapter is a Prophecy; the book itself contains historical narrative as well as messages of judgment. What is a Prophecy? A prophecy is a God-given message that speaks to people about their condition, urges change, and may describe future events.

B. Who is Writing? Isaiah (the LORD saves or Yahweh saves. He prophesied in the 8th century BC along with Amos, Hosea, Micah, and Jonah. Fitting name for one carrying such an important message and parallels God nature in judgment. God’s judgment is never void of love!

C. What is the theme? Isaiah is set in the midst of an ongoing political crisis due to dominating Mesopotamian powers. Israel was under the incorrect impression that as long as they went through the motions, that God would spare their cities and temple from harm. They learned a hard lesson when Assyria destroyed the northern kingdom in 722BC followed by Babylon’s destruction and exile of the southern kingdom in 586BC. His message is to point he people of God to the only refuge they can trust in, their God.

D. Isaiah 26 and Coronavirus (COVID-19). Verse 20 parallels quarantine. Emerge with COVID-20; Comeback, Overflow, Victory, Integrity, Dominion in 2020!

E. The pandemic: natural or spiritual? Not a time to be promoting personal or political ideologies. God’s judgment? End of the world? The tribulation?
-Matthew 24:3-15; 21-22

F. God's Judgment? Vs God's Chastisement? (Both are found in Scripture)

A. Theories of Justice:

1. Retributive- punishment (sinners and nations)- Judge- Flows from Anger (2 Chronicles 7:14)
2. Restorative- remedial- (saints)- Father- Flows from Love (Hebrews 12:9-10)

B. Chastisement- Hebrews 12:11

Key Points: Yours sin have already been judged- (John 5:24; Galatians 3:13; Psalm 22:14-16)

Key Concepts:

1. Correction- 2 Timothy 3:16 (rectification)
2. Instruction- James 1:1-8; 12 (maturation)
3. Prevention- 2 Corinthians 12:7 (elimination)

During this time all the earth groans waiting for the manifestation of the Children of God! Romans 8:22. YES YOU! The earth needs you Joel 2:28; Isaiah 44:3; Acts 2:17

You are the answer to bring water to a dry land!

John 7:37-39; Acts 2:39; Proverbs 1:23; Revelation 21:6

Let's Gather Next Week for Part 2: Behind Closed Doors