

GOD'S KINGDOM OF PEACE

Printed Text: *Isaiah 65:17 - 25*

Devotional Reading: John 26:20 - 33

Background Scripture: Isaiah 65:17 - 25

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- **STATE** the reason why weeping will be undetectable
- **DEFEND** identifications of figurative imagery in the text
- **WRITE** a prayer of thanks to God for the future He plans for him or her

INTRODUCTION: The prophets were God's spokespersons who declared boldly God's instructions to kings as well as everyday people. Their messages were sometimes of warning, and sometimes words of encouragement. The Book of Isaiah was written with two truths of fulfillment, namely the imminent return of the exiles from Babylon and the future messianic / church age, culminating in Christ's return. The Book of Isaiah ends with the beautiful picture of new heavens and a new earth.

KEY VERSE:

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 65:25 / KJV

LESSON:

Celebrating Newness

Isaiah 65:17 - 19

The New Reality

verses 20 - 25

SUMMARY: Days are difficult as we listen to the news and encounter the selfishness in this world. Isaiah promised that believers are secure in the knowledge that our belief in the risen Christ reminds us that good can and will be brought out of struggle. We praise God, seeing that just as Israel was freed from Babylonian exile, our freedom is assured at God's appointed time. As Christians, we must not give up our position in the kingdom. We know God's record. He never leaves or forsakes His people.

QUESTIONS:

1. *What is the role of mourning in the Christian life?*
2. *How do you react to seemingly futile work or effort on your part?*
3. *What would you be willing to do to heal a relationship with an enemy, demonstrating the reality of God's "peaceable kingdom"?*

**Daily Bible Readings for
June 11, 2023**

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DAY / DATE	SCRIPTURE	
<i>Mon., June 5th</i>	The River of Life	Ezekiel 47:1 - 13
<i>Tue., June 6th</i>	Receiving Everlasting Joy	John 16:20 - 33
<i>Wed., June 7th</i>	The Right Kind of Spirit	James 3:13 - 18
<i>Thurs., June 8th</i>	Peace in the Midst of Distress	Psalm 4
<i>Fri., June 9th</i>	God Is Our Refuge	Psalm 46
<i>Sat., June 10th</i>	Christ Is Our Peace	Ephesians 2:11 - 22
<i>Sun., June 11th</i>	A New Heaven and Earth	Isaiah 65:17 - 25