



June 17

Passage: Isaiah 9

What's up guys. Remember it is Wednesday so that means that you can tune into the Rock tonight at 7pm as we continue to go through our Elevate series. Tonight we get to see the book of Isaiah from an airplane view. Hope you guys tune in. Right now, be praying for the Rock, for your heart and the heart of all of the other students that it would fall in love with God's word every single day.

READ & DIG. Read Isaiah 9

Prophecy of the Greatest Hope Possible (1-7)

What hope God's people had because of this piece of prophecy given through Isaiah. Not only great hope for those people but for generations all the way up to the cross and even for us now on the other side of the cross. These people had just received pretty bad news... they had been told that the Assyrians were going to attack them and were going to do some damage. This was part of the Lord's judgment on his people for their unfaithfulness and disobedience. Just about the worst news you could receive isn't it... you're going to get attacked and you're going to get destroyed. Luckily it doesn't stop there. In this very next chapter they get the best news they could have ever received. Hope is coming and this isn't everlasting suffering. Light is coming in the darkness. (2) We see prophecy of the birth of Jesus! Years and years and years before his birth, he was already making a promise to his people through the prophet Isaiah! How cool is that? Now of course we know that this really did come to pass.

Pride and Arrogance Keep People from God (8-21)

After this great news is given, the sin that keeps people from being able to experience this great news and receive the fruit from it is pointed out. Pride and arrogance... the idea that people don't need God and are ok by themselves is the very reason that God is judging these people. In this section it is made very evident that God is not pleased with this state of heart. In **vs 13** it says "The people did not turn to him who struck them nor inquire of the Lord of Hosts." Then it goes on to say in **vs. 14** that God "Cut them off". This shows what an issue it is to God for his people to act like this. We can't forget though that there is still hope for these people because of the first seven verses. They can still have this hope if they turn from their pride and cling to the one and only true God,

Apply & GO

We need to find hope in the fulfilled prophecy of the coming of the Messiah. On this side of the cross, how encouraging it should be that an old testament prophecy came to pass in the New Testament. What confidence we can find in the faithfulness of our God and Father because of this. No matter how bad or how dark the situation seems to be at the moment there is ultimate hope found in Jesus Christ.

Secondly, we need to put to death our pride and arrogance. We need to recognize daily our need for God and our wickedness without him. Without him we have no hope, peace or joy. We can't do it alone and if you think so you have a totally wrong view of who God is and what he has done for us. Trust him and give your all to him!

