



Living in Hopeful Expectation: Lessons from Isaiah

October 23, 2025

Teacher: Jennifer Evans

Living in the Light

INTRODUCTION:

READING:

Isaiah 3:8,9 [NIV]

Jerusalem staggers, Judah is falling; their words and deeds are against the Lord, defying his glorious presence. The look on their faces testifies against them; they parade their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to them! They have brought disaster upon themselves.

Isaiah 5:20 [NIV]

*Woe to those who call evil good and good evil,
who put darkness for light and light for darkness,
who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.*

Isaiah 9:1, 2 [NLT]

Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever...

***² The people who walk in darkness
will see a great light.***

***For those who live in a land of deep darkness,
a light will shine.***

TABLE STUDY:

1. What are some ways Isaiah describes the darkness that he sees?
2. How many times does the word “woe” appear in these verses? Woe means “*great sorrow or misery.*” What is the outcome of living in darkness?
3. What is hopeful about the message that Isaiah has for God’s people?

TEACHING NOTES:

TABLE DISCUSSION:

1. What are some aspects of darkness that were discussed in this lesson? Where do you see darkness at play in the world today?
2. How does the light Jesus brings to the world give life?
3. Which aspect of living in the light of Christ speaks most loudly to you right now?
His Light clears our vision...
His Light is the source of our hope...
His Light overcomes our fears...
4. What do our lives look like when we are living in the light of Jesus?

UNISON READING: Isaiah 43:1 [NLT]

But now, O Jacob, listen to the LORD who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine."