

Isaiah 35 is a powerful chapter of hope and restoration set within a book largely marked by warnings of judgment. It comes at the end of Isaiah 28–35 and directly contrasts with Isaiah 34, which describes devastation and judgment. Where chapter 34 shows desolation, chapter 35 reveals renewal—reminding God’s people that judgment is not God’s final word. Historically, Isaiah spoke to Judah during a time of fear, political instability, and the threat of exile. The people were weary and uncertain about their future. Isaiah 35 reassures them that God Himself will come to save, restore, and bring His people home. Theologically, the chapter highlights the reversal of the curse: deserts bloom, the weak are strengthened, and the blind and lame are healed. The “Highway of Holiness” symbolizes safe access for the redeemed, leading to lasting joy. Ultimately, Isaiah 35 points forward to the Messiah and finds fulfilment in Jesus, with complete fulfilment in God’s future kingdom.

Read Isaiah 35

1. What images of transformation do you see in verses 1–2 (desert, wilderness, blooming)? Read also Isaiah 41:18–19
2. How can we recognise in our own lives “dry places” that you need God to restore?
3. Who is being encouraged in Isaiah 35:3–4, and why?
4. How do the healings in Isaiah 35:5–6 point to spiritual restoration? Matthew 11:4–5; Luke 4:18;
5. Why do the things we fear have a hold over us? What questions can we ask ourselves to help us move through our fears?
6. Where do you need Jesus to bring clarity, freedom, or healing in your life?
7. In the reading, the people are going through a desert place and are in need of strengthening. What role does joy play in God’s redemption plan here (Isaiah 35:6)?
8. What is it about joy that is both encouraging in hard times and a challenge too? When have you experienced joy while in the midst of a struggle?
9. What does the “Highway of Holiness” represent? See also Proverbs 4:18; Isaiah 40:3–4; John 14:6.
10. What does it mean that the unclean will not walk on this road? (Isaiah 35:8). Psalm 15:1–2; 1 Peter 1:15–16; 2 Corinthians
11. Is God calling you to greater holiness in any area of your life? If so, what does that look like in practice?
12. What is the significance of everlasting joy compared to joy in general Isaiah 35:10?

Prayer Points

Please pray for the work of CAMEO, The Lighthouse Club and the Board Games Group. Pray for those involved in leading and volunteering. Pray also for those who attend.

Please pray for Nepal as it prepares for elections. Pray for a fair and transparent process and unity among communities. May the outcome positively affect BMS projects bringing community transformation

Sermon Notes

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BIBLE STUDY

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Isaiah 35 The Highway of Redemption

The Book of Isaiah presents powerful prophetic visions that have helped to shape theology, especially regarding God's holiness, judgment, and redemption. Written in a time of political turmoil, Isaiah foretells both near and distant events. Many prophecies have been fulfilled in history and in the life of Jesus Christ. Isaiah predicted the fall of Babylon, the return of Israel from exile, and the rise of Cyrus of Persia by name. Most notably, Isaiah 53 describes a suffering servant whose rejection, suffering, and redemptive death closely parallel the New Testament accounts of Jesus, reinforcing Isaiah's enduring significance.

This series will help us to be faithful as we renew our focus upon the Lord, and fruitful as He fulfills His word.