

Isaiah
Chapter 7

v. 20-- (Heb. 4:12) "The Word of God...is sharper than a 2-edged sword." God knows our hearts. He can separate our Spiritual Standard (Spirit) from our mind and emotions (soul) and mold our soul into what He wants us to be. He shaves off our cover-ups, worries, inferiority, doubt, depression, fear, etc., and uncovers our true spiritual value in Christ Jesus. (Jeremiah 48:37)

v. 21-22-- We are to nourish the Fruits of the Spirit--keep our natural man subservient to our Spirit Man and we will be in abundance of the great things of God. He will give us all that is in His will that we should have, without interference from Satan infiltrating our natural man.

v. 23-- But if we choose the natural man to dominate us and live by the things of this world, our mind and emotions will grow up in briars and weeds of Satan's feelings--

v. 24-- When these weeds begin to grow in us, they turn to hatred, violence, etc.

v. 25-- But when we let Jesus run His hoe (mattock) through our lives, He will plant a beautiful crop and we need not fear the weeds of Satan because we have the Best gardner!!

Chapter 8

v. 1-5-- This refers to Jesus' coming--Isaiah's son's name means a combination of quick, skillful, and plundering or booty, predicting Christ's soon coming victory.

v. 6-8-- This is in reference to Satan's prowling.

v. 9-- Those who refuse to believe in Jesus cannot stand in His power and will be broken in pieces by Satan.

v. 10-- But when God's people get together and speak His Word, the power of Satan "comes to nought".

v. 11-13-- He's warning us not to be influenced by the people or things of this world.

v. 14-15-- Here He refers to Jesus, the Stumbling Block to those who don't believe.

v. 16-19 -- Particularly v. 18, is Jesus speaking. He is given for signs and wonders on earth, but He says, "and the children whom the Lord has given me". We also are for signs and wonders. God wants so desperately to do His work through us, but many times we're unwilling to be the vessels He needs for His work.