

Isaiah
Chapter 26

v. 7-- Uprightness is judged only by God. Therefore, those who are "most upright" are only those who devote themselves, and give themselves totally to Him. As Jesus said in John 20:21-23, His people have the power to forgive sins through the counsel of the Holy Spirit. For, as Jesus said "Which is easier to say, your sins are forgiven, or stand up and walk". (Mark 2:9) We, of ourselves, of course, are totally worthless, but working in total conjunction with the Spirit of God, we will "do greater things than these... (John 14:12). So we, through the Holy Spirit, will "weigh the path of the just". (Matthew 18:18)

v. 8-- The word for "remembrance" also means "praise", which gives this beautiful verse an even more beautiful meaning.

v. 9-- We desire God's presence in the "nights" of our lives. How dark it seems when we feel so alone! We know we are constantly in His presence, but we've all experienced those times when we don't feel so close and need to feel His Presence again. But when we constantly walk in His presence, we will always be ready for His Coming. And that will be when "Thy judgements are in the earth" --when His Word is sufficiently in the earth to bring about the power of God through His people to bring about the end, when all people will "learn righteousness".

v. 10-11-- God gives everyone more than their share of chances to come to Him. In this verse, the word for "wicked" Means really wicked--those who won't turn to God when they know both sides, and know of God's love for them. They choose wickedness over Godliness --even these, God will be willing to forgive if they'll come to Him and repent, but (v. 11) they won't repent. The word for "wicked" also means great confusion, turbulence of mind, etc.

v. 12-- But the people of God have His peace, for our works are from Him, and are not our own.

v. 13-14-- The things of this world can be our gods. Even sickness can be a god, when we don't use our faith to fight Satan in it. We have put sickness in a high place in our lives in fear of it, and it is constantly on our minds in one way or another. But these things are dead, through Jesus' victory over Satan. Anything of this world is secondary, or actually an enemy, depending on its origin, to God in our lives.

v. 15-16-- The Lord has increased His nation in recent times--There has been the Great Outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all nations --Praise God!