

Isaiah
Chapter 29

v. 1-4-- It is interesting that God never mentions Satan in the Old Testament directly. This is because the people then were not saved. There were no Spirit-Filled people because the Holy Spirit had not come yet. Since Adam's fall, people had no direct contact with God, like we do through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. They were Spiritually dead from Adam until Pentecost. Jesus was the only spirit-filled person walking the earth before His death and Resurrection, so He had no real fellowship with anyone. But in the Old Testament days, The Holy Spirit just came upon the prophets at the time of a message, but they weren't indwelled by the Holy Spirit as people are today. With the people in that condition, with no inward way to communicate with them and help them to grow closer to Him, as He does with us, they were ready to follow anyone who will give them a "sweet deal"--and Satan could do it! So God felt it best to take the blame Himself for the "disasters of the day" and keep their eyes focused on Him. Actually in v. 1-4, it is Satan who "brings us down", but in it sometimes we see our own weakness, and turn to God for strength, so it "backfires" on him.

v. 5-- The Lord can change the "disasters" of our lives "in an instant" and turn it around!

v. 6-- When the Holy Spirit works, it sometimes seems like an earthquake, as it changes our whole being, and the flame of devouring fire devours our problems and failures.

v. 7-- And all of the things Satan and his demons can put on us are only illusions--We have the Victory of Christ in our lives!!

v. 8-- Satan will try to tell us we are defeated--but it is a dream--an illusion and lie from him! When we wake up to Christ's victory in our lives--when Satan wakes up to the fact that he can't disillusion nor defeat us anymore--he will go hungry and be exposed to everyone for the liar he really is.

v. 9-- Baptism of the Spirit--Sometimes we are so filled with the Joy of Jesus that we may look drunk, or foolish to non-believers!!

v. 10-- Satan has spiritually blinded the leaders to it. They're stuck to religious tradition and can't understand the Spirit.

v. 11- God's Word and plan is sealed to those to whom He hasn't revealed it.

v. 12-- Those who are common people are afraid and have been told always that they aren't "worthy" of voicing or understanding God's Word. Satan has planted this seed in the churches during, or before the Dark Ages, and it has grown well!!