

Isaiah
Chapter 48

v. 14-- This is another tremendous promise to us!! He says, "any of you who declare these things--who professes me before men--I love him, and will do what he asks of me to Satan and his demons"--That is the unfathomable love, power, and protection we are offered in Jesus' name!!

v. 15-- He has called all of us to spread His Word to the world.

v. 16-17-- Jesus leads us--He never spoke in secret, He is free to all.

v. 18-19-- He is lamenting Adam's fall--then we'd all be righteous and would know God easily.

v. 20-- This is a very important verse. He is telling us, not only to turn from Satan, but to do it joyfully--in praises. Satan cannot endure praise of God. He simply cannot stand up to it. Joy is a major weapon against him!!

v. 21-- We have deserts in our lives, and we will never thirst as long as we have the living water of Christ, which gives peace and fulfillment, but....

v. 22-- those who turn from God have no real, inner peace.

Chapter 49

v. 1-- The Lord has called each of us since before we were conceived, to do His will.

v. 2-- When we speak in the spirit, we speak with authority. "The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword." (Heb. 4:12) He is our protector. We are His polished arrows. Psalm 45:5 says "Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies". He uses us to get to the heart of people--To turn them to Him. We're not ordinary arrows--we're polished, shiny clean, He cares for us, spends time and loving energy polishing us so we shine for Him. We are hidden in His quiver, protected from harm until He uses us. We are carried by Him. (Eph. 6:17) (Psalm 64:7)

v. 3-- He is glorified in us!!

v. 4-- It seems to us sometimes, when the Lord inspires us to speak, that people don't listen, that it's all in vain, but we don't know what He has in mind, and sometimes it produces later on in the person's life.