

Isaiah  
Chapter 51

v. 12-13-- Why should we be afraid of what people say. They are of themselves, if they are not of the Body, and they are therefore powerless. They will soon die and they are the ones who forget that God is creator and protector of all. We must see that we don't forget that!!

v. 14-- There are people who are "captive exiles"--in ignorance of God's Word and Love. We are to bring His message of Love to them so they can be loosed.

v. 15-16-- God is the God of all!! When we think about His creation, and all the laws of science, the tremendous powers and energy present in the universe, the biological mysteries and each tiny cell, the ecosystem, and how each animal, from the tiniest germ to the largest animal, plays an irreplaceable part in His plan, and when we think of the tremendous amount of power, wisdom, intelligence it takes to create, recreate, and protect and guide all of these things, including the millions of chemical reactions and things going on in each human and animal and plant body in the earth. It is astounding to realize that all of this power and intelligence came from God, from what God is made out of. Our power comes from what we're made of--muscle and bone. God's enormous power comes from what He's made out of--Love!! That's an awful lot of love!! He gave all of His love to you and me!!! If we, as sinful, weak animals, know how to give all our love to our children, think--just think--how much Love Himself is giving to His children!!! If He gave His love to us directly, it would kill our fragile bodies. He can't do it!! But still He is aching to give us that love!! So He gives a little to you, a little to me, a little to someone else--as much as each of us can handle, in the way that each of us can handle it, and it is up to us to give it to each other. We can accept it from each other because it is flesh to flesh, but His power is too great to give us all His love at once. This is why He says in v. 16, that He gives His people His Words. We must spread it to each other and to non-believers. This way He "plants the heavens" and we are to help it to grow. Exodus 11:2 says "...and let every man borrow of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor, jewels of silver and jewels of gold". This shows the importance of fellowship--of sharing the jewels of God's love so that we can collect the enormity of it together. If He could, He would dump all His love on each of us so we could comprehend it, but our minds and bodies just couldn't handle it. Once we shed these bodies, we will be able to collect it in its wholeness. Spiritually we have it all now, but our bodies are still holding us down. Sometimes to get His love to us, He uses the things of the world. In Luke 19:29-38 & Matthew 21:1-9, Jesus asked His disciples to go into town and take a donkey and tell the owners that the Master has need of it, and He will return it. He does this in our lives, too. Sometimes He uses things of the world to help us until His glory is fulfilled in us.