

v. 15-16 con't-- In the scripture He used the donkey, a thing of the world, to use in His glory to the people. Sometimes He uses doctors, hospitals, or other things to help us, for us to use, until His glory is filled enough in our lives for the miracles to come without them. He will show His love any way He can get it to us. He is forever looking for ways to do this. 2 Chron. 16:9 says "The Lord's eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him". The word translated "perfect" means "full, peaceful, quiet, resting".

v. 17-- Wake up, says the Lord!! And don't live in darkness and sorrow anymore.

v. 18-- There is no person who can lead us in our lives!! We are, of course, to respect our parents and those in authority, but as for our spiritual lives, which should be our entire life, only God can direct us correctly, when we've totally given ourselves to Him.

v. 19-- We alone, without Christ, are "desolate" (empty), and are slowly being destroyed by Satan, because without God we will be destroyed ("destruction"). "famine"--God's love, peace and knowledge are our nourishment. We are hungry for that, even before we realize it, because Man was made to be connected spiritually to God. We're made in His image. We aren't whole without Him ("sword").

v. 20-- People who don't know and rely on God beget children of like kind, because they don't bring them up in God, and so it goes for generations.

v. 21-23-- God pleads with us to turn to Him instead of relying on ourselves and turn our misery to energy from Him, and turn it onto Satan. We have listened to Satan and unknowingly did what he wanted --let him walk all over us. That's what he can do when we rely on ourselves instead of on God. But God is again offering us the power against him. We have the power already, it just has to be released by allowing God to work in our lives in every area.

## Chapter 52

v. 1-3-- We are saved by Christ and rejoice--We remember our sins no more!!!

v. 4-- We were away from the Lord for a time, and Satan comes right away to take over.

v. 5-- When we don't turn to Him, He can't help us. He can only forgive sins we repent of, and help us in areas of our lives we give to Him.