

Isaiah 2:1-5 – Walking in the Light

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The Rest of the story

Read Isaiah 1:1-4

Hear me, you heavens! Listen, earth! For the Lord has spoken: “I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me. 3 The ox knows its master, the donkey its owner’s manger, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand.” 4 Woe to the sinful nation, a people whose guilt is great, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the Lord; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him.

Read Isaiah 2:6-10

You, Lord, have abandoned your people, the descendants of Jacob. They are full of superstitions from the East; they practice divination like the Philistines and embrace pagan customs. 7 Their land is full of silver and gold; there is no end to their treasures. Their land is full of horses; there is no end to their chariots. 8 Their land is full of idols; they bow down to the work of their hands, to what their fingers have made. 9 So people will be brought low and everyone humbled—do not forgive them.

Isaiah 1 introduces Israel’s spiritual darkness—corruption, injustice, empty worship. Isaiah 2 opens with a **vision of hope**, a picture of God’s future kingdom and closes with Israel’s spiritual darkness.

Isaiah 2:5 is the invitation: “Walk in the light of the Lord.” It’s both a promise and a calling for God’s people now.

Seeing God’s Vision (vv. 1-3)

Why do you think “all nations” are drawn to God in this vision?

The people say, “Come, let us go up... that He may teach us His ways.”

- What does this tell us about the desire to walk in God’s light?
- How do you see or experience that desire today?

God’s Peace (vv. 4)

How does God’s judgment and teaching lead to peace between nations?

What would it look like for the church today to embody this kind of peace?
Do we believe in this kind of peace in our world or have we given up hope?

The already and the not yet

How do we live in that reality today?

The Invitation (v. 5)

Why do you think Isaiah ends this section with an imperative: “Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord”?

Why do you think Isaiah addresses the “house of Jacob” directly?

What does it mean to “walk in the light” instead of just “see the light”?

How does walking in God’s light differ from following rules or religious routines?

What does “walking in the light of the Lord” look like in daily life?

- In relationships?
- At work?
- With your words?
- With your time?

What keeps people from walking in God’s light?

Which part of your life right now most needs God’s light to shine?