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HOLY DISSIDENT

GROUP/FAMILY SESSION 5

- Watch the sermon titled "*Wait for Vindication*" on Jesse Campbell Ministries YouTube Channel;
- Apply your life to the Bible alongside your group or family with these honest questions;
- Dive deeper into the text through Devotions 630-635 (podcast/video) and share them with the one you're discipling.



This Week's Sermon expositis Isaiah 26:1 - 27:1

Devotions 630-635 (podcast/video) cover Isaiah 29:1 - 30:33

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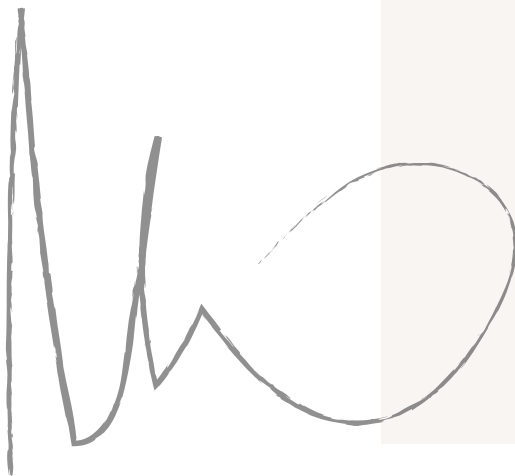
CONTEXT

There is a Leviathan in verse 1! This represents chaos and evil. The Leviathan was common in the myths of the Canaanite peoples who inhabited the land at the beginning of the Book of Joshua. This serpentine sea monster imagery is also used in Job (3:8, 41:1,10,25), the Psalms (74:14, 104:26), and is sometimes depicted in a way similar to Satan as the serpent in Genesis and Revelation.

To appreciate the beauty of the vineyard imagery in verses 2-13 of today's text, we have to recall the bleakness of the vineyard imagery in Isaiah 5 which we read in Devotion 608. The vineyard metaphor represents the people of God the majority of the times it is employed in Scripture. The vineyard of today's text refers, as the previous three chapters do, to the whole world in verses 1-5 before referring more specifically to Israel's reestablishment on May 14, 1948 in verses 6-13.

THE BIG IDEA OF THE TEXT

God promised the only ultimate absolution for all the earth, providing proof of the coming Day of the Lord through His restoration of vineyard Israel.



CONNECTING THE SESSION TO THE SERMON

This week's sermon foretells of a coming vindication for God's people. Today's text gives us insight as to how and why. These chapters are largely addressed to the whole world, using the restoration of Israel and Judah as proof that the Day of the Lord is coming. Both the sermon and this session deliberately overlap by one verse on the coming Day of the Lord. Verse 2 makes the transition from the proclamation of this day's judgment on the Leviathan to the proclamation "I am not angry (v.4)", as God's vineyard is rendered safe from chaos and evil.

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Biblical text (CSB) - Isaiah 27

1 On that day the Lord with his relentless, large, strong sword will bring judgment on Leviathan, the fleeing serpent—

Leviathan, the twisting serpent. He will slay the monster that is in the sea.

2 On that day sing about a desirable vineyard:

3 I am the Lord, who watches over it to water it regularly. So that no one disturbs it, I watch over it night and day.

4 I am not angry. If only there were thorns and briers for me to battle, I would trample them and burn them to the ground.

5 Or let it take hold of my strength; let it make peace with me— make peace with me.

6 In days to come, Jacob will take root. Israel will blossom and bloom and fill the whole world with fruit.

7 Did the Lord strike Israel as he struck the one who struck Israel? Was Israel killed like those killed by the Lord?

8 You disputed with Israel by banishing and driving her away. He removed her with his severe storm on the day of the east wind.

9 Therefore Jacob's iniquity will be atoned for in this way, and the result of the removal of his sin will be this: when he makes all the altar stones like crushed bits of chalk, no Asherah poles or incense altars will remain standing.

10 For the fortified city will be desolate, pastures deserted and abandoned like a wilderness. Calves will graze there, and there they will spread out and strip its branches.

11 When its branches dry out, they will be broken off. Women will come and make fires with them, for they are not a people with understanding. Therefore their Maker will not have compassion on them, and their Creator will not be gracious to them.

12 On that day the Lord will thresh grain from the Euphrates River as far as the Wadi of Egypt, and you Israelites will be gathered one by one.

13 On that day a great ram's horn will be blown, and those lost in the land of Assyria will come, as well as those dispersed in the land of Egypt; and they will worship the Lord at Jerusalem on the holy mountain.

APPLYING OUR LIVES TO THE TEXT TOGETHER

- Look closely at verse 1 and observe its effect in verses 2-4. God will slay evil (v.1). What is the result according to verses 2-4?
- When God conquers evil forever, He will be satisfied (v.4). How does this set the One True God apart from sadistic pagan gods from mythology?
- The grammar of verse 5 in the original Hebrew is rightly reflected by the wording of verse 5 in the CSB. Who needs to make peace with God now?
- God will allow others to harm us, bringing necessary discipline. Then, God will deal more harshly with those who hurt us (v.7). Why?
- Our restoration coincides with our *complete* repentance (v.9). What sins are like the idols that need to be smashed in your life?
- The division of Israel and Judah seemed irreparable, but verse 13 promised the unthinkable. Have you underestimated God's restorative power?



THE TAKEAWAY: SO WHAT, CHURCH?

Believing with our whole souls that the Day of the Lord is coming, bearing witness to the miracle God performed in bringing Israel back to prominence as He said He would, we will do our part in repenting from sin as verse 9 describes. We will receive God's discipline and obliterate our sin idols, placing our hopes on the coming Day of the Lord where all that is wrong will be made right forever.

FOR PARENTS:

SHOW YOUR KIDS JESUS IN THE PASSAGE

The passage Mom and Dad studied today tells us more about the day Jesus will come back. On that day, the good guys win forever. On that day, everything that is wrong will be made right.

Until that day, we need to repent every single time we sin. This means that when we give in and do something we know is wrong, we need to turn away from it right away. Because we do not know when Jesus will come back and because it could be any moment, we should not wait to turn away from sin. We should not just repent from sin a little bit. We should repent all the way. We should smash our sin to pieces! Jesus is coming back one day and He gave us a lot of work to do. So, let's turn away from sin and share the good news of Jesus with as many people as we can!

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