

# Isaiah 13-23 + Catching Up

St. Raymond's Adult Bible Study

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## PRAYER BEFORE READING THE BIBLE

SHINE within my heart, Loving Master, the pure light of Your Divine knowledge, and open the eyes of my mind that I may understand Your teaching. Instill in me reverence for Your commandments, so that having conquered my sinful desires, I may pursue a spiritual way of life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing in Your sight. For You, Christ our God, are my light and my life, and to You we render glory together with Your Eternal Father ✠ and Your All-Holy Spirit, now and always, and forever and ever. Amen.

+ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.



# Isaiah 13-23



## Isaiah 13:17-18 (Oracle Against Babylon)

**17** Behold, I am stirring up the Medes against them, who have no regard for silver and do not delight in gold. **18 Their bows will slaughter the young men; they will have no mercy on the fruit of the womb; their eyes will not pity children.**









## Wisdom 2:23-24

**23** God created man for incorruption,  
and made him in the image of his  
own eternity,**24 but through the  
devil's envy death entered the  
world, and those who belong to his  
party experience it.**



## **Joy to the World**

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
||:And wonders of His love,:||  
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Therefore God is the cause of every action, in so far as it is an action. But sin denotes a being and an action with a defect: and **this defect is from the created cause, viz. the free-will**, as falling away from the order of the First Agent, viz. God.

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...even as the defect of limping is  
reduced **to a crooked leg as its  
cause, but not to the motive  
power**, which nevertheless causes  
whatever there is of movement in  
the limping.

“The wrath of God is a way of saying that I have been living in **a way that is contrary to the love that is God**. Anyone who begins to live and grow away from God, who lives away from what is good, is turning his life toward wrath.”

- **Cardinal Ratzinger, *God and the World***

**Aquinas, Summa Theologiae, Prima Pars Q3, A2**  
Anger and the like are attributed to God on account of a similitude of effect. Thus, because to punish is properly the act of an angry man, **God's punishment is metaphorically spoken of as his anger.**



## Flannery O'Connor

When you can assume that your audience holds the same beliefs you do, you can relax and use more normal means of talking to it; when you have to assume that it does not, then you have to make your vision apparent by shock -- **to the hard of hearing you shout, and for the almost-blind you draw large and startling figures.**

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Isaiah 6:8

**8** And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "**Here am I! Send me.**"

## **Matthew 4:18-20**

**18** As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. **19** And he said to them, **“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”** **20** Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

**Mark 3:14**

And he appointed twelve (**whom he also named apostles**) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach

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## Origen, *On First Principles*

Now it is not incorrect to say that the sun, by one and the same power of its heat, **melts wax, but dries up and hardens mud**: not that its power operates one way upon mud, and in another way upon wax; but that **the qualities of mud and wax are different**, although according to nature they are one thing, both being from the earth. In this way, then, one and the same working upon the part of God, which was administered by Moses in signs and wonders, **made manifest the hardness of Pharaoh...** [and softened the hearts of the Israelites]

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## Luke 7:22

“Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: **the blind receive their sight, the lame walk**, lepers are cleansed, and **the deaf hear**, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.”

## Nostra Aetate, para. 4

As Holy Scripture testifies, **Jerusalem did not recognize the time of her visitation**, nor did the Jews in large number, accept the Gospel; indeed not a few opposed its spreading. Nevertheless, God holds the Jews most dear for the sake of their Fathers; He does not repent of the gifts He makes or of the calls He issues-such is the witness of the Apostle.



## **Romans 11:23-24**

**23 And even the others, if they do not persist in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. 24** For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

## Romans 11:25-26

**25** Lest you be wise in your own conceits, I want you to understand this mystery, brethren: **a hardening has come upon part of Israel**, until the full number of the Gentiles come in, **26** and so all Israel will be saved.

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**Although the Church is the new people of God, the Jews should not be presented as rejected or accursed by God**, as if this followed from the Holy Scriptures. All should see to it, then, that in catechetical work or in the preaching of the word of God they do not teach anything that does not conform to the truth of the Gospel and the spirit of Christ.

**Isaiah 6:11**

Then I said,  
“How long, O Lord?”

## Isaiah 6:11-12

**11** And he said:

**“Until cities lie waste  
without inhabitant,**

and houses without men,

and the land is utterly desolate,

**12** and the Lord removes men far away,

and the forsaken places are many in the  
midst of the land.





## Isaiah 6:13

**13** And though a tenth remain in it,  
it will be burned again,  
like a terebinth or an oak,  
whose stump remains standing  
when it is felled."

**The holy seed is its stump.**

## **Romans 11:2-4**

**2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.** Do you not know what the scripture says of Eli'jah, how he pleads with God against Israel? **3** "Lord, they have killed thy prophets, they have demolished thy altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life." **4** But what is God's reply to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Ba'al." **5 So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace.**











**Book of Immanuel**

Isaiah 9-12

## Isaiah 9:4

For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their  
shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken

as on **the day of Midian.**



## Judges 7:19-20

So Gideon and the hundred who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just set the watch, **and they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands.** So the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars, holding in their left hands the torches and in their right hands the trumpets to blow, and they cried,  
**“A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!”**

## Judges 7:24

Then Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, **“Come down against the Midianites and seize the waters against them, as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan.”** So all the men of Ephraim were called out, and they seized the waters as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan.

## Judges 7:22-23

Then the Israelites said to Gideon, "Rule over us, you and your son and your grandson also, for you have delivered us out of the hand of Midian." Gideon said to them, **"I will not rule over you, and my son will not rule over you; the Lord will rule over you."**

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not rest

upon **the land allotted to the  
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lest the righteous put forth  
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## **Luke 1:32-33**

He will be great, and will be called the Son  
of the Most High;  
and the Lord God will give to him the  
**throne of his father David,**  
**and he will reign over the house of Jacob**  
**forever;**  
and of his kingdom there will be no end."

# Isaiah 9:8-21

Build back better!

## Isaiah 10:20-21

**20** On that day the remnant of Israel and the survivors of the house of Jacob will **no longer lean on the one who struck them but will lean on the Lord**, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. **21** A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.



## Isaiah 10:22-23

For though your people, O Israel,  
were like the sand of the sea, only  
a remnant of them will return.

Destruction is decreed, an  
**overwhelming verdict.**

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## Isaiah 11:1

There shall come forth a shoot  
from the stump of Jesse, and a  
branch [*nezer*] shall grow out of his  
roots.

## Matthew 2:23

And he went and lived in a town called **Nazareth** [*branch*]. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

## Isaiah 11:2-3

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Et requiescet super eum spiritus Domini:  
spiritus sapientiæ et intellectus,  
spiritus consilii et fortitudinis,  
spiritus scientiæ et **pietatis**;  
et replebit eum spiritus **timoris Domini**.

## ***Summa Theologica* Prima Secundae, Quest. 68**

Accordingly, for the *apprehension of truth*, the speculative reason is perfected by "**understanding**"; the practical reason, by "**counsel**." In order to judge aright, the speculative reason is perfected by "**wisdom**"; the practical reason by "**knowledge**." The *appetitive power*, in matters touching a man's relations to another, is perfected by "**piety**"; in matters touching himself, it is perfected by "**fortitude**" against the fear of dangers; and against inordinate lust for pleasures, by "**fear**."

## Hebrew 6:4-5

...enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become **partakers of the Holy Spirit**, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come

## **Isaiah 11:3-4**

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## 2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the **judgment seat of Christ**, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body.

**Psalm 103:14**

For **he knows our frame;**  
he remembers that we are dust.

## Hebrews 4:15-16

For we have not a high priest who is unable to **sympathize with our weaknesses**, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. **Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace**, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## Isaiah 11:4-5

He shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and **with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.**

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

## 2 Thessalonians 2:8

And then the lawless one will be revealed, and the Lord Jesus will **slay him with the breath of his mouth** and destroy him by his appearing and his coming.

## Isaiah 11:6

The wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the  
kid;  
the **calf** and the **lion** will feed  
together,  
and a little child shall lead them.





## Isaiah 11:7-8

The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the  
hole of the asp,  
and **the weaned child shall put its  
hand on the adder's den.**

Isaiah 11:13

**The jealousy of Ephraim shall  
depart; the hostility of Judah shall  
be cut off;**

Ephraim shall not be jealous of  
Judah, and Judah shall not be hostile  
toward Ephraim.

Isaiah 11:9

**They will not hurt or destroy**  
**on all my holy mountain,**  
for the earth will be full of the  
knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:10

On that day the root of Jesse  
shall **stand as a signal to the  
peoples**; the nations shall  
inquire of him, and **his  
dwelling shall be glorious.**











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## **Acts of the Apostles 2:8-11**

And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? **Par'thians and Medes and E'lamites and residents of Mesopota'mia, Judea and Cappado'cia, Pontus and Asia, Phryg'ia and Pamphyl'ia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyre'ne, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians,** we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

## Isaiah 11:12

He will **raise a signal for the  
nations and will assemble**

the outcasts of Israel

and gather the dispersed of Judah  
from the four corners of the earth.

## Isaiah 11:15

And the Lord will dry up  
the tongue of the sea of Egypt  
and will wave his hand over the River  
with his scorching wind  
and will split it into seven channels  
and **make a way to cross on foot.**

## Exodus 14:22

And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, **the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.**

## Isaiah 11:16

...so there shall be

**a highway [Gr. δῖ-οδος]** from Assyria

for the remnant that is left of his  
people,

as there was for Israel when they  
came up from the land of Egypt.

## Acts of the Apostles 9:2

...so that if he found any  
**belonging to the Way** [Ὁδοῦ],  
men or women, he might  
bring them bound to  
Jerusalem.



## Isaiah 12:1

You will say on that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,  
for though you were angry with  
me, your anger turned away,  
and you comforted me.

## Isaiah 12:2

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and will not be afraid,  
for the Lord is my strength  
and my might;

he has become my salvation."

Isaiah 12:3

With joy you will draw  
water from **the wells**  
**of salvation.**



## **Isaiah 12:4**

And you will say on that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord;

call on his name;

make known his deeds among the  
nations;

proclaim that his name is exalted.

## Isaiah 12:5-6

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy,

**O royal Zion**, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

## Isaiah 14

**3** When the Lord has given you rest from your pain and turmoil and the hard service with which you were made to serve, **4 you will take up this taunt** against the king of Babylon:

## **14.4 “How the oppressor has ceased, the insolent fury ceased!**

**5** The Lord has broken the staff of the  
wicked,

the scepter of rulers,

**6** that smote the peoples in wrath  
with unceasing blows,

that ruled the nations in anger.



**14.12** “How you are fallen from  
heaven,

**O Day Star, son of Dawn!**

How you are cut down to the  
ground,

you who laid the nations low!

**14.13** You said in your heart,

**‘I will ascend to heaven;  
above the stars of God**

**I will set my throne on high;  
I will sit on the mount of  
assembly in the far north.**

**14.14**

I will ascend above the heights  
of the clouds,

**I will make myself like the  
Most High.'**



**14.15** But you are brought  
down to Sheol,  
to the depths of the Pit.

**16** Those who see you will  
stare at you, and ponder over  
you:

**14.16** 'Is this the man who made the  
earth tremble, who shook kingdoms,  
**17** who made the world like a desert  
and overthrew its cities,  
who did not let his prisoners go  
home?'

## **Luke 10:18-19**

**18** And he said to them, **“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19**

Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you.

## **Revelation 12:12**

Rejoice then, O heaven and you that dwell therein! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, **because he knows that his time is short!"**



**14.22** “I will rise up against them,” says the Lord of hosts, “and **will cut off from Babylon name and remnant, offspring and posterity, says the Lord.** **23** And I will make it a possession of the hedgehog, and pools of water, and I will sweep it **with the broom of destruction,** says the Lord of hosts.”

## Revelation 14:8

**"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!** She has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

Isaiah 22:1-2

The oracle concerning **the valley of vision**... you who are full of shoutings, tumultuous city, exultant town?



## Shebna and Eliakim (Isa 22)

**15** Thus says the Lord God of hosts,  
“Come, go to this steward, **to**  
**Shebna, who is over the**  
**household**, and say to him: **16**  
What have you to do here and  
whom have you here...?”

## Shebna and Eliakim (Isa 22)

**19** I will thrust you from your office, and **you will be cast down from your station.** **20** In that day I will call my servant Eli'akim the son of Hilki'ah...

## Matthew 21:1-4

Then said Jesus to the crowds and to his disciples, **2 “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; 3** so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach, but do not practice. **4** They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear...

## Matthew 21:38-41

**40** When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" **41** They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, **and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.**"



## Shebna and Eliakim (Isa 22)

**21** and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your girdle on him, and **will commit your authority to his hand;** and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

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**22** And I will place on his shoulder **the key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.**

## Matthew 16:18-19

**18** And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. **19** I will give you **the keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever **you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven**, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

## Shebna and Eliakim (Isa 22)

**23** And **I will fasten him like a peg in a sure place**, and he will become a throne of honor to his father's house. **24** And they will hang on him **the whole weight of his father's house**, the offspring and issue, every small vessel, from the cups to all the flagons.

## Shebna and Eliakim (Isa 22)

**25** In that day, says the Lord of hosts, **the peg that was fastened in a sure place will give way;** and it will be cut down and fall, and the **burden that was upon it will be cut off,** for the Lord has spoken."

## Luke 22:31-34

**31** “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, **32** but **I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren.”**

## Luke 22:31-34

**33** And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.” **34** He said, “I tell you, Peter, **the cock will not crow this day, until you three times deny that you know me.**”





# Schedule

Next Class: **November 17th (two weeks)**

Isaiah 24-35

Micro-Apocalypse

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Peñafort, wise and holy patron,  
come to the aid of those entrusted  
to your care, and all who flee to  
your protection. Intercede for us  
in our need, and help us through  
your prayers, example, and  
teaching, to proclaim the truth of  
the Gospel to all we meet. And  
when we have reached the  
fullness of our years, we beseech  
you to guide us home to heaven,  
to live in peace with you, Our  
Mother Mary, and Our Lord  
Jesus Christ. Amen.

