

## **What is Wrong With ME? Isaiah 5,6**

Isaiah was a prophet of God. In chapter 5, he pronounced “woe” unto six groups:

### **5:8 Greedy**

Woe unto the greedy. Folk wish to own all the land of the world. A greedy man says “I don’t want to own all the land, just the land that borders my land.” They “join house to house” and “field to field.” Their goal is to be the only inhabitant on planet earth! Amazing! Greed is a twin brother to jealousy; it is a monster. Greed will steal your land.

### **5:11 The drunkard**

Modern society calls alcoholism a “disease.” The Bible calls an alcoholic a drunkard. My former neighbor is a drunkard. He arose to strong drink and went to bed kissing strong drink goodnight. Notice “strong drink.” The Bible looked ahead of the days of only having fermented grape juice and included modern-day whiskey, bourbon, ale, scotch, and all the rest of the Devil’s poison. God is ahead of man- count on it.

This is the “party crowd,” verse 12. They have music on the harp, viol, tabret, and pipe. Nothing wrong with music. I grew up in a home with music. My father and brother guitar. My uncle world-renowned mandolin player. My sister world-class gospel piano player. But notice, they can’t have music without wine. They knew how to turn a good thing over to the Devil. Just mention the word “party” and the next word out of someone’s mouth is “wine.”

### **5:18 Rebels**

In days gone by, men sinned and ran and hid. The sodomite was in the gutter. A man or woman who flaunts their sin is likely reprobate. Does sin bother you? This people parade their sin like leading a world-champion stallion with a bridle. Their sin is without shame. Does sin bother you? Does YOUR sin bother you? Sin is an abomination. Sin is never something to be proud of. Yet, pride runs so deep in some folk lead it about the community with cords of

vanity displaying their sin. “Hey there, look at my sin. Isn’t it beautiful?”

Look at 5:19: they defy God to do anything about it. “God, if you don’t like it, put it in over-drive and get down here and do something about it. Hurry-up and let me see what you are going to do about it.” Pride is awful and America is soaked in pride. The gays are on display with cords of vanity. Sin is in the arena. Sin is in the end-zone. Cursing is a way to show you are a man and you are a “cool dude.” Unless you change, you won’t be cool for long.

### **5:20 The liberals**

Those who call evil good and good evil. The gay lifestyle is a gay deathstyle. Sodomy is still a sin just like it was in the day of Sodom and Gomorrah. Darkness for light- light for darkness. Bitter for sweet- sweet for bitter. There is not a country in the world that does not have secure borders- except the USA. Only an idiot would not agree with security for their country. Washington is FULL of idiots. They think insecure is secure.

Adultery is OK- even recommended. The alcoholic drink business is one of the richest businesses in the world. The world is turned upside-down.

### **5:21 Pride**

“Look at me- aren’t I cool?” No, you look like a tramp with wire in your nose and eyebrows and blue dirt on your body splattered around on your body.

A few years ago, a damning teaching crept into our schools and then our homes and then our churches- just let everyone be themselves. Don’t try to mold and teach boys and girls. Let them be free just be themselves.

I am what I was that came from my mother’s womb. IF God had wanted me to be different, he would have arranged that. If folk had to wear clothes that were ripped, they would protest and cry and pitch a fit. Now, it is for the purpose of getting noticed. It is all about pride. Three sizes too small and three inches too long. Folk go right

out in public wearing thermal underwear and a straddle sweater. Look like their reading to turn in for the night.

I Timothy 3:6 *Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.* A proud man, woman, boy, or girl better get over it lest you will wind up get a dose of what God gave the Devil- condemnation. Pride is number one on God's "hate list."

### **5:22-23 Loon ticks**

This verse speaks of "mighty" and "men of strength," that is, men in places of power. I believe I have been in court when the judge is impaired with strong drink. Did you hear about the airline pilot that was in the cockpit impaired by strong drink? Wine is a mocker- strong drink is raging.

Notice verse 23: for a reward, the wicked man is pronounced justified. For a bottle of booze, the judge dismisses his offense. What is it with a judge who sentences a child molester to three years' probation? What happened in the back room of the courthouse?

Just as they pronounce the evil man righteous, they "take away the righteousness of the righteous." The man who is righteous is pronounced sinful. The man who has done right is considered wrong.

Dear God, help.

Now, the tide turns with the 7<sup>th</sup> WOE:

### **6:5 Me**

King Uzziah died. Seems Isaiah had a dependence on the king. I have heard Bible scholars say King Uzziah was Isaiah's "prop." When the king died, Isaiah's prop was removed and he fell. Now, Isaiah could see God. There was no King Uzziah to look to. When he saw God, he saw himself. As long as we measure ourselves by the NFL, we are ok. As long as we measure ourselves by Hollywood, we are OK. But to see God thrice Holy reveals our dire condition.

Have you ever had an eye-opening experience? If we walk in the light of God's Word, God is revealed and we see our weakness.

Job 42:5-6 *I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. 6 Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.*

John in Rev 1:17 *And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:*

Daniel 10:8 *Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.*

*I am undone*

My work: I am not complete. I am not OK. I am not so cool after all. I have not achieved all that I can for God. I am still on planet earth. He has left me and you're here for a reason. Otherwise, he would call his children home.

My walk: have I something in my Christian walk that does not testify of my Savior? Any bad habits? Any bad attitudes? Surely not sitting on the pews of the church with a bad attitude toward fellow man. Bad attitude toward family.

My witness: others need to hear. 7.3 billion. Our job is hard but easy-tell them.

Isaiah's lips unclean. So are mine. My lips are not saved, born-again.

Dwelt among people with unclean lips- we need God more than ever. We are minority. We surrounded with vile conversation. Who is plotting right now to bring you down, draw you into sin?

We are not to blame others. We could blame wife as did Adam. We could blame mom and dad who brought us into world in sinful state. We could blame ex- our ex-master, the Devil. Send me harassing phone calls and vile text messages and shows me temptations of the world.

Let us all walk in the light of God's Word so that we can see God. Then, when we see God, we sin ourselves. Not measured by Hollywood, not NFL, not co-workers. How do we measure up to God?