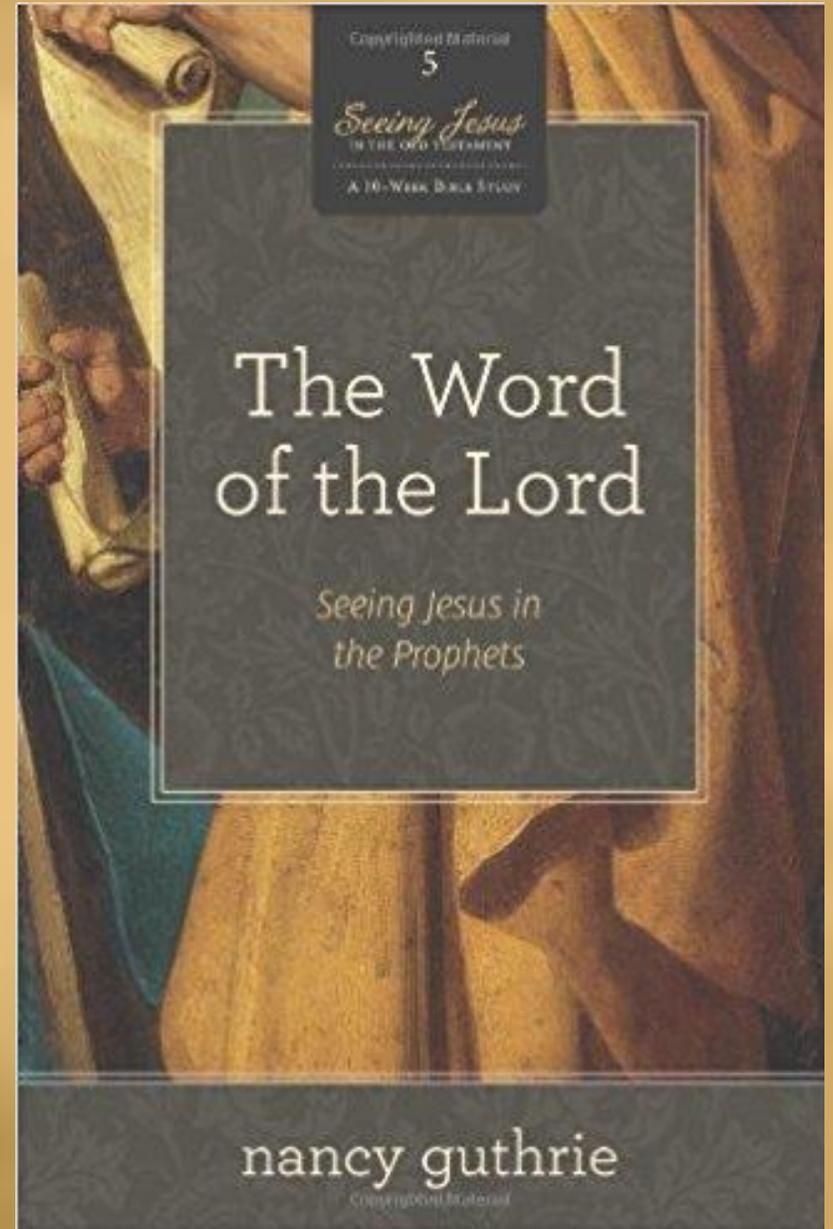


Fall Study 2017



God is our Redeemer

Isaiah



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Big Truths for Young Hearts

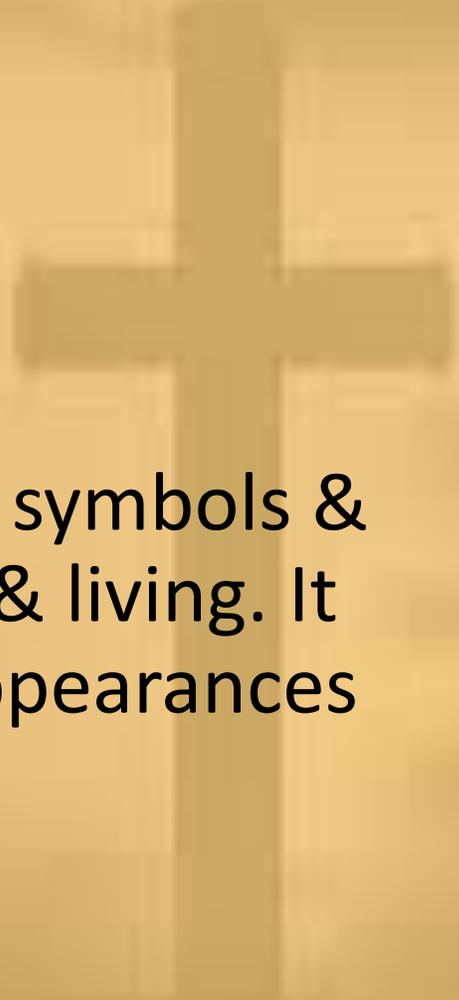
Teaching and Learning the
Greatness of God



BACKGROUND

- Micah: “Who is Yahweh?”
- Isaiah: “Yahweh is Salvation”
- Kings: Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz & Hezekiah
- Focus on Judah
- Married to a prophetess & has children (7:3; 8:3,18)
- Ch. 7-8;20;37-39: Glimpse into public ministry
- 1:1 & 2:1 – “word that Isaiah...saw” (John 12:41)
- Ch. 6: narrative of his prophetic call by the LORD





The book of Isaiah is a vision that “reveals through symbols & reasoned thought, a God-centered way of seeing & living. It offers everyone the true alternative to the false appearances of the world.”

3 Historical Settings

- 1st: Ch. 1-39 – Isaiah’s present time
 - 30:15-16
 - Assyrian threat forcing Judah to decide who they will trust
- 2nd: Ch. 40-55 – Future Babylonian Exile
 - 40:1-5
 - God comforts his people
- 3rd: Ch. 56-66 – Coming of Messiah & Future Hope
 - 56:1
 - Isaiah’s “prophetic eye looks beyond the fraudulence of the world, all the way forward to the eternal finality of God’s renewed people in a renewed cosmos.” (65:17; 66:2)
 - Hebrews 12:28 – Unshakeable kingdom

Theme: God Himself

- 1:4 – Holy One of Israel
 - 2:2-4 – exclusive worship is due him (Micah 4:1-5)
 - 6:7 – gives the remedy of sin by His grace
 - 9:12,17,21;10:4 – judges in righteous anger
 - 12:3 – salvation flows in endless supply
 - 13:1-27:3 – Sovereign
 - 30:15 – to rest in his promises is his people's strength
 - 41:14;43:14;44:6 – Redeemer
 - 43:3-7 – is glorified by his people's salvation
 - 48:11 – He alone is God
- 55:1-2 – to delight in his word is his people's refreshment
- 57:15 – High & Lifted up yet dwells with the humble in heart
- 62 – delights in his people
- 66:24 – rebellion against him results in endless death



Isaiah 33:5-6

- *In the midst of this anxiety-ridden reality, the Lord enabled Isaiah to see that the real King was not dead. He was & is gloriously seated on the throne of the universe. It is this divine King, not the next human king, on whom Isaiah should pin his hopes. When Isaiah caught a glimpse of the real King, everything about his uncertain circumstances looked different. And when you & I, through the pages of Scripture, catch a glimpse of this real King, everything in our world full of uncertainties looks different. We realize we can rest secure. We don't have to be afraid of the future.” (Teaching Chapter, pg. 121-122)*