

"THE MAN WITH HIS HEAD IN THE CLOUDS AND HIS  
FEET ON THE GROUND"  
(ISAIAH)

I. THE BACKGROUND

A. Historical and Political Conditions:

1. The world was getting ready for war.
2. Peace, plenty and extravagance were winding down.
3. Israel would be destroyed during Isaiah's lifetime.

B. Social Conditions:

1. There were only two classes of people - rich & poor.
2. The rich were guilty of taking the land away from the poor.
3. Everyone was indifferent to the needs of his neighbor or brother.

C. Religious Conditions:

1. Instead of revealing God to the world, Judah had descended to the same immoral and depraved level of her neighbors.
2. Judah's religion had very little depth to it.

II. THE MAN OF GOD

A. His Family:

1. Isaiah was the son of Amoz of Jerusalem.
2. He was a young aristocrat from a princely line.
3. He had at least two sons.

B. His Equipment and Training:

1. Isaiah had the best education available.
2. He knew the world conditions as well as he knew Judah's conditions.
3. God's compelling grip upon his life was the greatest influence upon Isaiah.

C. His Call:

1. He saw God on His throne and never forgot it.
2. He realized his total unworthiness.
3. He responded to God's call to go and preach.

D. His Ministry:

1. Isaiah preached for 40 years to Judah.
2. He had no equal as a statesman.
3. As a preacher, he had deep convictions, kindly courage, clear vision, and unusual power in driving home the truth.
4. He spent his life trying to get Judah acquainted with God and God's Word.

### III. THE BOOK

#### A. The Outline:

- 1 - 12 Rebukes and promises directed to the people of Judah.
- 13 - 23 Prophecies concerning foreign nations.
- 24 - 35 Prophecies of general judgment on Judah and Jerusalem.
- 36 - 39 Section of history dealing with other nations.
- 40 - 48 Genuine comfort from the exiles.
- 49 - 55 The Servant of God.
- 56 - 66 The future glory of God's people.

#### IV. SOME TEACHING VALUES:

- A. 1:2-20 God's arraignment of sinners (thoughtlessness, formalism, pardon, redemption).
- B. 6:1-13 The "Woe" of conviction (revelation, prostration, purification, consecration).
- C. 40:10-11 The King is coming.
- D. 49:14-16 God never forgets His children.
- E. 50:4-9 The Suffering Servant's devotion to His work is shown.
- F. 53:1-12 The destiny, life, and reward of the Suffering Servant revealed.

#### LESSONS OF VALUE

- 1. A vision of God always brings a consciousness of personal unworthiness.
- 2. A consciousness of God's presence makes any task appear easier.
- 3. Ingratitude and rebellion break the heart of an affectionate father.
- 4. A life is never a failure when lived according to the will of God.
- 5. A great faith in God will give needed courage in the darkest hour.
- 6. Genuine heart change is more important than conforming to rules and rituals.
- 7. A man's conception of sin is built around and molded by his idea of God.
- 8. When God calls a person to service, He will provide the needed power for victory.
- 9. If nations would allow God to settle disputes, wars would cease.
- 10. Blessings and obligations are inseparable and privilege brings corresponding responsibility.