

READING ASSIGNMENT, WEEK 4: PROPHETICAL BOOKS (for June 24 sermon)

BOOKS COVERED: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel and the 12 Minor Prophets (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi)

ISAIAH'S COMMISSION | ISAIAH 6:1-8

What does it mean to be holy? Why do the seraphim sing only of the holiness of God rather than His other attributes?

Why was Isaiah "ruined" or "undone?"

How does the burning coal atone for his sin? What is this a picture of? What is Isaiah's response to God's holiness and forgiveness (v. 8)?

JEREMIAH AT THE POTTER'S HOUSE | JEREMIAH 18:1-10

What theme or idea from these verses stands out to you?

Have you ever considered the role God plays in forming kingdoms and governments and how that affects you as a citizen?

Can you think of any examples of how God has used the governments of man to accomplish His will?

THE IMAGE OF GOLD AND THE FIERY FURNACE | DANIEL 3:1-30

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had the courage and strength of faith to stand for God despite knowing the outcome could be death. How would you respond in their place?

Do you think you could give up your life to honor God? Where do you draw the line when it comes to sacrifice? Is there anything that is too much to offer God?

Because they were willing to give up their lives, God was glorified. How can you glorify God with your life?

JONAH'S ANGER AND THE LORD'S COMPASSION | JONAH 4:1-11

Have you ever been angry with God? Why?

How do you question God in your life? How might you be running from His call or commands, or how have you in the past?

What do these verses tell you about the character of God? How should what you learned of God's character change the way you think or act?

THE DAY OF THE LORD | MALACHI 4:1-6

Why do you think people are uncomfortable with the idea of God's judgment?

Can God be truly loving if He does not act against sin?

Verse 5 mentioned Elijah, but Malachi was written after Elijah's time. Read Matthew 11:11-14. How does this change your understanding of the passage?

Why is it important to be righteous in God's eyes today?
What promises are in these verses for those who follow God?
