

# Weekly Study Guide

The week of June 29, 2014

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## Daily Readings

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Monday	<p>Read Isaiah 1:1-4.</p> <p>In this passage, we see God's heart broken, like a father whose children have betrayed and forgotten him. Do you ever think about the pain that God experiences because he loves people like us? What does God's answer in this passage tell us about how important we are to him?</p>
Tuesday	<p>Read Isaiah 1:5-9.</p> <p>So many times in our lives when we make wrong choices we experience the consequences of those choices in painful ways. Sometimes that pain causes us to rethink our actions and choose a different course. Sometimes we get so lost that we can't even see how to get back on a good road. What hope does verse 9 bring? How, in Jesus Christ, has God written a new future</p>
Wednesday	<p>Read Isaiah 1:10-15.</p> <p>Here God reminds us he doesn't ask for sacrifices because he needs them. The system of sacrifice was a way to help give an action step toward a move of confession and repentance of the heart. But doing the action without any change of heart means less than nothing. It moves things from honor to insult! Redemption can't be 'bought' by human offerings. It is received</p>
Thursday	<p>Read Matthew 23:25-28, 37.</p> <p>Jesus displays the same anger and frustration at 'religious' people who try to conform their actions to the law but who don't let their hearts conform to the heart of God. The law was meant to be an expression of the relationship with God that was at work on the heart. The law without heart can lead into self-worship more than the worship of God. How do we get caught up</p>
Friday	<p>Read Isaiah 1:15-18.</p> <p>In the previous verses God expressed his extreme frustration at what the people offered as worship. In these verses he lays out what truly honors his heart. How do God's words show us that we are not left without hope? How do they show us his good heart?</p>
Saturday	<p>John 5:39-46.</p> <p>The whole purpose of the word of God is to direct us to the living word of God, who came to be our saving grace. Are there times when we still can get caught up in the "words" and forget to present our lives to the "Word"? How do we live our faith whole heartedly?</p>

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