

INSPIRATION FROM ISAIAH

***Great Visions of God
from Isaiah 1-45***

***God's Highway of Holiness
Isaiah 35.1-10***

Key verse: Behold your God! v4

1. A Message of Hope

for the Feeble and Fearful, v3-4

➤ ***people acutely aware of their own weaknesses***

➤ ***needing to catch a fresh vision of God v2***

God is coming!

***to act with vengeance on behalf of those
who have suffered wrong Rom 12.17-19***

***to act in retribution against those who have
committed wrong 2 Thess 1.6-10***

***to bring salvation to those he has redeemed
v9; 1 Thess 1.9-10***

➤ ***spend the waiting time getting stronger***

2. A Message of Hope

for a Fallen and Fractured World, vs1-2,5-7

- *individuals restored to complete wholeness v5-6*
for some, during Christ's first visit Lk 7.16-22
for all, at his return Phil 3.20-21; 1 Cor 15.51-53
now, spiritually; Acts 26.18
then, physically Rom 8.19-21; 2 Pet 3.13
- *nature transformed to burst with life vs1-2,6-7*
natural, cultivated, and agricultural fertility
reflecting the glory and splendour of God
Psalm 19.1; Rom 8.20-22; Ps 96.6-9
pure joy and delight
through God's life-giving Spirit vs 6b-7

3. A Message of Hope for those Far from God, v8-10

- *a Way back to God himself v10; Ex 15.11-18*
Jesus is the way John 14.6; Heb 10.19-20
- *a Way of Holiness vs8-9*
a route for those redeemed by God
set free from their sins,
through Christ's death on the cross
Mark 10.45
a route for those committed to righteousness
Mat 7.13-14
- *the Way to Everlasting Joy v10*
we enter God's presence with singing
and experience unbreakable joy ever after!