

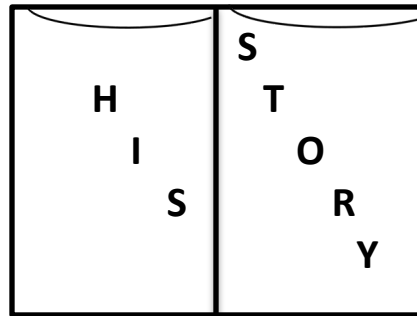
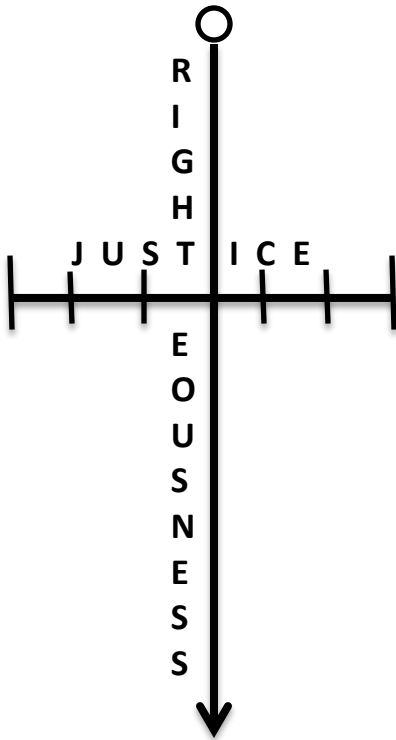
ISAIAH – The LORD is the Holy One of Israel
My Thoughts on Lesson 5 Questions

1. Before we can list examples in our culture of making a covenant with death, we should define it and consider why anyone would choose to make such a covenant.

Making a covenant with death is a human attempt to bring about a desired outcome in rebellion to God and to seek false security. “They make the lie their refuge and falsehood their hiding place.” (Isaiah 28:15)

Examples in our culture today include: lawlessness, like anarchy movements; senseless murders; promotion and profiting from abortion; euthanasia encouraged; lifestyle choices against God’s word; simply loving the world rather than God (1 John 2:15-17); choosing to follow the spirit of antichrist which is a foreshadow of the covenant confirmed that is foretold in Daniel 9:27, a covenant Israel and the world will not be able to refuse because of fear, a world in great distress and in need of security, with everything conditioned for a one-world order.

2. Isaiah 28:17



The Word
The Bible
The Truth

Seek God’s Justice

Justice like a measuring line pictures an absolute nature to the truth because it has an exactness that does not change.

Know God’s Righteousness

Righteousness like a plumb line pictures an up and down (heaven to earth) alignment that is absolutely true north - a predetermined exactness (magnetic pole) - and should be the basis of our relationship with God on which we build our lives. Know the Word!

3. Before we can identify the effect of spiritual blindness in our culture today, we need to define it and understand why it exists.

Spiritual blindness is a consequence of our fallen condition resulting from sin, especially pride. It is why we need to be born again, believing God, receiving Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and being given the Holy Spirit to live in us. When we do, our spiritual eyes are open and we are able to see what our human eyes cannot see. But those who refuse to receive this free gift of grace by faith remain in rebellion with God and we see the result in our world.

We see all the forms of chaos in our culture – the fruit of the flesh as listed in Galatians 5:19–21. Sadly, we see many of these things being normalized and even preferable. Satan continues to use them as lures like lust, anger, envy and greed to set the trap on the road to destruction.

But as believers who have received the Holy Spirit have been given the fruit of the Spirit as listed in Galatians 5:22–23a and those things are where our spirit eyes should be focused namely love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

4. False alliances may include any organizations or nations that attempt to exhort power with a goal to control and influence people offering false security or false promises, putting together alliances to further their evil agenda.

False alliances could take the form of cavorting with the enemy or unholy alliances. For example in our present time we see a false religion like Islam allying with Marxism, which promotes atheism, to jointly further their causes against Israel as well as Christianity.

5. Crying out to the LORD – Crying out is generally associated with desperation and lament. If it is real then it indicates helplessness, sorrow and ready to receive help including forgiveness. In a sense “crying out” is humbling ourselves before Almighty God and when He answers our cry, He receives the glory only He deserves. Perhaps the best example in Scripture is God’s words to Moses at the burning bush in Exodus 3:7–10.

6. Seeing the King - I will leave this answer to each person with this comment: We know it will be nothing like we have ever experienced. It will be far greater. For now we can only imagine!