

Isaiah 48 :12-22

## If Only

### 1. If Only We Would Listen to God

*Psalm 119:90-91, Colossians 3:1-3, Hebrews 10:24-25, Proverbs 3:5-6*

#### A. God is Infinite (Self Existing with no Origin)

- "First and the Last"
- "I Am" is the name God calls Himself (Exodus 3:14) and Jesus said "I Am He" in John 18:4-6 which caused them all to fall to the ground.

#### B. God is Creator

- Right hand shows the power of God in action and in Mark 14:61-62 Jesus says you will see Him sitting at the right hand of God. To sit at the right hand of God was to share in the universal governance of all things. (Psalm 110:1; Romans 8:34)

#### C. God is All Knowing

#### D. God has not been Silent

- It is not that God has not made Himself known it is that people are not listening. (Romans 1:18-23)

### 2. If Only We Obeyed God's Commands

*Mark 8:36, Matthew 23:37, Ezekiel 18, Romans 11:17-24*

#### A. We would Profit

#### B. We would have Peace

- The religious system was powerful, but it was not bringing people peace it was laying heavy burdens on people. (Matthew 23:4)
- God is calling them to be at peace with Him. (Romans 5) which is the ultimate peace.

#### C. Our Children Will Benefit

- Genesis 22:17 is the Abrahamic promise of their ancestors being as many as the sand on the shore and stars in the sky and victory over their enemies.

### 3. How to Avoid the "If Only"

*Genesis 19:15-17, Revelation 18:4, Hebrews 12:1-2, Proverbs 29:6,*

*1 Peter 2:12, 16, Jeremiah 2:13*

#### A. Flee the ways of the world

- we can get used to living in bondage

#### B. Rejoice because of What God has done

#### C. Trust God to provide

- We somehow believe the lie that God is not enough and so we dig our own cisterns.

#### D. Do not envy the wicked

- Any peace the wicked seem to have (Psalm 37:34-36; 73:12) is only for a time where our peace is guaranteed for eternity. (Malachi 3:16-18)

### Closing Points

1. If you want to avoid the "If Only" in your life you really need to listen to God and Obey His commands.
2. The lure of the world will make you think that they hold the answer, but they don't and only true peace will come through accepting Jesus Christ and what He did for you on the Cross.
3. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 tells us that it is God's word gives us everything we need to hear and live up to Gods Word

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*John 15:5*



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### Family Devotions

1. What does it mean that God describes Himself as the First and the Last?
2. Why is God being the Creator of the Universe give us reason to listen to Him?
3. How does God speak to us today?  
(See 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
4. Why were the people suffering according to verse 18?
5. What does it mean to leave Babylon in verse 20?
6. What did God promise to do for them in verse 21?
7. Why do we tend to envy the wicked?
8. What does God say about them in verse 22?