

Isaiah 5:8-30 and 10:1-4
Seven WOES

WOE #1 (8-10) – those who join house to house and land to land

Desolate mansions (John 14:1-2)
Devastated crops (Revelation 22:1-2)

WOE #2 (11-17) those who rise early and stay up late to drink

Partying with no regard for the LORD (Galatians 5:19 / Ephesians 5:18)
People exiled without understanding
Parched and hungry
Populating Sheol – both the noble and the brawler
Pride of man humbled
Prominence of the exalted, righteous, and holy God, the Almighty
Pastures returned to His sheep

WOE #3 (18-19) – those drawing sin with chords of deceit

Led by wickedness (II Thessalonians 2:9-10 / I Timothy 4:1-2 / II Timothy 3:12-13)
“Let God show us His plan” – demanding to see it with their own eyes (II Peter 3:3-4)

WOE #4 (20) – those who call evil good and good evil (Romans 1:32)

Replacing the light with darkness (Psalm 139:11-12 / John 3:19-21)
Replacing the sweet with the bitter

WOE #5 (21) – those who are wise in their own eyes (I Corinthians 1:18-25; 3:18-20)

WOE #6 (22-24) – those who are heroes at drinking wine

Denying justice to the innocent while acquitting the guilty
Decaying roots
Despising God and His word
Dead bodies will be like refuse in the streets

WOE #7 (10:1-2) – those who make unjust laws, issuing oppressive decrees

Poor deprive of their rights
Preying on widows (James 1:26-27)

His anger is not yet turned away (5:25-30; 10:3-4)

Whistling to call warriors – agents of His wrath
Where will you turn for help? (Psalm 121)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 5:8-30; 10:1-4

What problems can arise from being insulated and isolated from others? How do we see this happening in our culture today?

How do people blind themselves to coming judgment? (Luke 17:26-37)

What role is 'deceit' playing in changing our culture? How do we combat this? (John 8:44-45)

What does God keep track of? (Jeremiah 17:10 / Matthew 12:36 / Revelation 20:12-13)
What does He choose to forget? (Psalm 103:11-14 / I Corinthians 13:5)

Would you rather be oppressed or be an oppressor? Why? (Luke 16:25)

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WOE #1 (8-10) – those who join house to house and land to land – **greedy land owners**

Desolate mansions (John 14:1-2) – **empty and decaying vs. what Jesus is preparing**
Devastated crops (Revelation 22:1-2) – **disappointing vs. abundance**

WOE #2 (11-17) those who rise early and stay up late to drink – **“eat, drink, and be merry”**
I Corinthians 15:32)

Partying with no regard for the LORD (Galatians 5:19 / Ephesians 5:18)
People exiled without understanding – **did not see it coming, they did not want to listen**
Parched and hungry
Populating Sheol – both the noble and the brawler **The party is over!**
Pride of man humbled
Prominence of the exalted, righteous, and holy God, the Almighty – **every knee (Phil. 2)**
Pastures returned to His sheep – **a remnant will be restored**

WOE #3 (18-19) – those drawing sin with chords of deceit – **refuse to repent, hold on to sin**
Not seeing who their real master is (Ephesians 2:1-3)

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“Let God show us His plan” – demanding to see it with their own eyes (II Peter 3:3-4)

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What are some examples of this in our culture?

Replacing the light with darkness (Psalm 139:11-12 / John 3:19-21)
Replacing the sweet with the bitter – **sin is pleasant for a season (Hebrews 11:25)**

WOE #5 (21) – those who are wise in their own eyes (I Corinthians 1:18-25; 3:18-20)

Thinking that we know better than God

WOE #6 (22-24) – those who are heroes at drinking wine – **untouchable**

Everything under their control

Denying justice to the innocent while acquitting the guilty
Decaying roots – **there lives are rotting away**
Despising God and His word
Dead bodies will be like refuse in the streets

WOE #7 (10:1-2) – those who make unjust laws, issuing oppressive decrees

Poor deprive of their rights – **who is often impacted the most by unjust laws?**
Preying on widows (James 1:26-27)

His anger is not yet turned away (5:25-30; 10:3-4)

Whistling to call warriors – agents of His wrath

Where will you turn for help? (Psalm 121) – ***no place to turn if God is rejected
(Hebrews 10:26-31)***

Discussion questions for Isaiah 5:8-30; 10:1-4

What problems can arise from being insulated and isolated from others? How do we see this happening in our culture today? ***We can develop an inaccurate view of reality. We are no longer involved in the things God has for us, reaching and building up others. Some are isolated by fear, others by addiction to screen time and others because of divisions caused by intolerance and a lack of forgiveness.***

How do people blind themselves to coming judgment? (Luke 17:26-37)

They become focused on the cares, responsibilities, and pleasures of this life. (Mt. 13:22)

They ignore what is happening, thinking it will not impact them.

They convince themselves that what is happening to others is because they deserve it.

They ignore the evidence for God, wanting to live their lives for themselves

What role is 'deceit' playing in changing our culture? How do we combat this? (John 8:44-45)

There ruler of the kingdom of the air, our enemy the devil, has influenced every aspect of our culture – government, media, education, entertainment, etc. We must be set apart by the truth (John 17:17) and not conform to the pattern of this world (Romans 12:2). We must be careful with the amount of worldly influence that is allowed into our lives and saturate ourselves with the truth of His word.

What does God keep track of? (Jeremiah 17:10 / Matthew 12:36 / Revelation 20:12-13))

What does He choose to forget? (Psalm 103:11-14 / I Corinthians 13:5)

God knows everything I have every done, said, or thought. I am responsible for every sin I have ever committed, and the wages of sin is death Romans 6:23). He chooses to forget every sin when I commit my life to Him. None of the things I have done against His will be remembered, He has accepted Christ's payment for my sins.

Would you rather be oppressed or be an oppressor? Why? (Luke 16:25)

Oppressed. Though it can be difficult to live under oppression, God, who sees and knows all, will one day make everything right. (II Thessalonians 1:4-10)