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Sealed – not wanting to hear (II Timothy 4:3-4)

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Honor only with lips – hearts are hard (Mark 7:6-8)  
Higher than man's ways (Isaiah 55:8-9) – following rules taught by men  
Hiding plans – believing that God does not know?? (Hebrews 4:13)  
He who made us – blaming the Creator (Job 42:1-6)

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Healing of the land (Ezekiel 36:8-12)  
Healing of the body (Romans 7:24-25 / Philippians 3:21)  
Healing of the soul (I Corinthians 13:11; 14:20 / I Peter 1:13 / I Thessalonians 5:23-24)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 29

When are “good works” a bad thing? What is God truly seeking from us? (Isaiah 64:6 / Romans 3:20; 4:4-5)

Why is it extremely dangerous to ignore God and persecute His people? (Genesis 12:3 / Zechariah 2:8 / II Thessalonians 1:6-9 / Psalm 73:16-20 / Mark 8:38)

What can cause a person to become blinded to the truth? What opens a person’s eyes to the truth? (I Corinthians 1:20-25; 2:13-16/ 3:18-20 / Psalm 19:1-4 / Romans 1:18-20 / John 12:47-50)

What is vain worship? (John 4:24)

What is vain planning? (James 4:13-17 / Luke 7:30 / Ephesians 2:10)

What is vain complaining? (Philippians 2:14; 4:6-8 / James 1:2-4)

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Same old cycle of religious practice (Isaiah 1:13) **Ritual w/o relationship**  
Siege works set up against her (Isaiah 6:11-13) **He judges, but preserves a remnant**

Virulent judgment against her enemies (5-8) **It will be worse for God's enemies**

Severe – pounded to fine dust **There is no hope w/o turning to God**  
Sudden – in an instant (I Thessalonians 5:1-3) **Many will be surprised (II Peter 3:3-4)**  
Seeing empty visions of hope – then reality hits (I Kings 21:17-19) **No hiding from God**

Vision is like a sealed scroll (9-12) **Unable to perceive or understand His Word**

Sightless – blinding themselves (I John 2:11 / II Corinthians 4:4) **refusing to face reality**  
Staggering – but not from beer (Psalm 107:27) **At their wits end – how did this happen?**  
Sealed – not wanting to hear (II Timothy 4:3-4) **pretending it won't happen to them**

Vain worship (13-16) **Not from the heart – Not in the Spirit – Not according to truth**

Honor only with lips – hearts are hard (Mark 7:6-8) **God hates pretense**  
Higher than man's ways (Isaiah 55:8-9) – following rules taught by men **who knows best**  
Hiding plans – believing that God does not know?? (Hebrews 4:13) **He sees all**  
He who made us – blaming the Creator (Job 42:1-6) **to sin is my nature and my choice**

Victorious revival is coming (17-24) **all His promises for Israel and the Church will be fulfilled**

Healing of the land (Ezekiel 36:8-12) **restoring that which was judged**  
Healing of the body (Romans 7:24-25/Philippians 3:21) **made fit for heaven (I Cor 15:50)**  
Healing of the soul (I Corinthians 13:11; 14:20 / I Peter 1:13 / I Thessalonians 5:23-24)  
**My thoughts aligned with His – He will keep us until that Day**

Discussion questions for Isaiah 29

When are “good works” a bad thing? What is God truly seeking from us? (Isaiah 64:6 / Romans 3:20; 4:4-5) ***When are works are and attempt to earn our salvation.***

***When we believe are works will makes God love us more.***

***When are works are used to somehow offset our sinful behavior.***

***God wants our hearts – He wants us to put our complete trust in Him – He wants us to grow in our relationship with Him (II Peter 1:5-8)***

Why is it extremely dangerous to ignore God and persecute His people? (Genesis 12:3 / Zechariah 2:8 / II Thessalonians 1:6-9 / Psalm 73:16-20 / Mark 8:38)

***God watches over His people and His children.***

***Continuing to ignore Him leads to a hard heart – which may never respond (II Thess. 2:10-12)***

***Curses and punishment await those who persecute His people.***

***Their eternal destiny is a high cost to pay for temporary pleasure.***

What can cause a person to become blinded to the truth? What opens a person’s eyes to the truth? (I Corinthians 1:20-25; 2:13-16/ 3:18-20 / Psalm 19:1-4 / Romans 1:18-20 / John 12:47-50) ***Becoming wise in your own eyes – somehow imagining that you know better than God.***

***Ignoring the evidence of our Creator as seen and understood by His creation.***

***Ignoring His Word – and the Spirit’s call on our lives***

***Only when we open our hearts to believe and receive His love and His Spirit, will we be able to know and understand truth.***

What is vain worship? (John 4:24)

***Anything not done in Spirit and in truth***

***Following rules and rituals given by men rather than letting His Word and His Spirit lead us***

***Being caught up in emotional response not centered on His truth***

What is vain planning? (James 4:13-17 / Luke 7:30 / Ephesians 2:10)

***Making my plans without seeking His will.***

***Ignoring – because of my plans – that opportunities God places in my path***

***Missing God’s purpose for my life because of my pride and my refusal to repent of my sin***

What is vain complaining? (Philippians 2:14; 4:6-8 / James 1:2-4)

***Blaming God for the troubles I bring upon myself***

***Not trusting God to use the troubles He allows in my life***

***Is essence – ALL COMPLAINING – which demonstrates a lack of gratitude toward God***