

Isaiah 31  
My Help Comes from the LORD

Worthless help (1-3) – Egypt = the world

Foolish verses Wise (Proverbs 9:10-18)

Flesh verses Spirit (Galatians 5:16-18)

Failure when we choose wrong (Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

Those who help will stumble (Luke 6:39/II Corinthians 4:4/II Peter 2:19-22)

Those who are helped will fall (Jeremiah 46:25)

Waiting for His deliverance (4-5) – (Psalm 27:1-3, 5, 20-21)

Like a lion growling over his prey

The LORD can face any odds (II Chronicles 32:7-8, 20-21)

Th LORD is not frightened (Psalm 2:1-6)

LORD Almighty shall come down – His Presence visiting His people

The Angel of the LORD (II Kings 19-35)

The Holy Spirit (John 14:16; 16:7-11)

The Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 19:11-16)

Like a bird hovering (Luke 13:34)

The LORD will shield (Psalm 3:3)

The LORD will 'pass over' and rescue (Exodus 12:12-13 / I Corinthians 5:7)

Whom then shall we seek? (6-9) -

Returning to God means rejecting our idols (Luke 16:13-15 / Ephesians 5:3-7)

Retreating from the One whose furnace is in Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:1-5)

## Discussion questions for Isaiah 31

For what kind of troubles would it be appropriate to seek help from the world? When is it not appropriate? (II Chronicles 16:12 / Mark 5:25-29 / I Corinthians 6:1-8 / II Peter 1:3-4)

What can cause believers to “cave in” and seek the world’s help? (I Samuel 8:1-5 / I Peter 3:1-6)

When do you notice God’s presence in your life? When does He seem absent? What does His Word teach us about His presence? (II Peter 1:8-11 / Deuteronomy 31:8 / Joshua 1:8-9 / Matthew 28:18-20 / Hebrews 13:5-6)

What are some common idols in our culture? How should we deal with the idols that tempt us? (Matthew 5:29-30 / Mark 9:42-48 / I Peter 4:1-5)