



November 29, 2009

*Part 4:*  
**A Lesson from Israel:  
God Breaks the Proud & Raises the Humble**

Isaiah 9:8-10:34

*As we prepare for Advent and the birth of Christ, the first 12 chapters of Isaiah will help us rediscover God and His great plan of salvation which He promised beforehand through the prophets.*

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**Summary of Today's Lesson:** The fourth lesson Isaiah teaches us is that God breaks the pride of those who rebel against Him, but exalts those who humble themselves in repentance.

- 1. God's People can be Tempted to drift from God.**
- 2. God's People can be Tempted to be self-sufficient apart from God.**
- 3. God's People can be Tempted to Despair that God has abandoned them.**

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**Getting to Know Me:** (these questions are designed to get your group started and build community)

1. What is your favorite aspect of the Christmas Season (including New Years)? Why

**Getting Started:** (these questions are designed to “prime the pump” and get the group thinking about the teaching on Sunday)

1. What was one principle/idea/thought that stood out to you from Sunday’s sermon?
2. Why do you think God becomes so angry and indignant towards those who are proud (i.e. filled with pride)?
3. Why do you think God prizes and exalts humility in people? Do you find this notion (“God humbles the proud and exalts the humble”) challenging/difficult or encouraging? Why?

**Digging Deeper:** (these questions are “text-based” and designed to help get the group talking about the Scriptures together)

1. **Read Isaiah 9:8-10:4** – What is God’s primary complaint (“beef”) with Israel? Does this find any application or parallel to the church of today? How so?
2. **Read Isaiah 10:5-19** – Why are God’s words so harsh against Assyria? What did God promise to do to them due to their arrogance?
3. **Read Isaiah 10:20-34** – God promises to rise up a remnant from the destruction of Israel. Although they abandoned Him, God did not abandon them. What does this tell you about God and His ways of judgment?

### Application:

1. What areas of your life are you pursuing humility and resisting pride? How can your group pray for you in that pursuit?