

## Who Can Escape God's Judgment? Isaiah 32-35

In the future God will bring the Messiah whose power will bring Israel back to God.	God will punish Israel's sins through Assyria, and then punish Assyria for her sins.	The reality of God's judgment raises a crucial question.	God's judgment turns a garden into a desert; His mercy turns a desert into a garden.
32:1-8	32:9 -- 33:12	33:13-24	34 - 35

### **What is this crucial question? (33:13-14)**

The crucial question is: who can escape the everlasting burnings of God's judgment?

### **Who can escape God's judgment? (33:15)**

Those who have a certain level of obedience and moral transformation.

But other passages teach that we are saved by faith in Christ alone, not by works (Eph 2:8-9).

But this is not a difference between the Old and New Testaments; Jesus also taught that only those who have a certain level of moral transformation will be in heaven (Matthew 25:31-46).

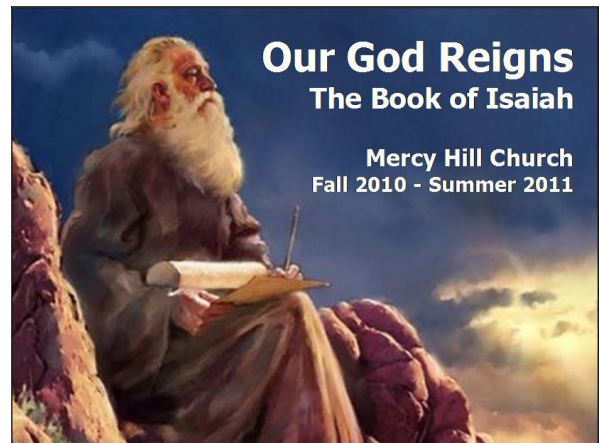
So how does this fit with Ephesians 2:8-10?

1. We are not saved from judgment by our works.
2. We are only saved from judgment through faith in Christ.
3. Genuine faith in Christ always results in a changed heart and growing obedience.

So no one goes to heaven because of their obedience; but no one goes to heaven without obedience.

### **What will the redeemed enjoy forever? (33:16-22)**

Seeing Jesus their King.  
Beholding heaven.  
Having all trials and costs be past.  
Having God be to them a place of broad rivers.



## **HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING**

*(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)*

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come with?

In the past, how have you thought someone could escape from God's judgment?

Does it make sense that only those can escape God's judgment who have a certain level of moral transformation? Why or why not?

Does it make sense that the basis for our salvation is Christ's life and death, while the evidence that we are trusting Christ is works? Why or why not?

How would you respond if someone said that it's just a cliché that trusting Jesus produces moral transformation? Is this just a cliché? How does faith in Christ really produce obedience?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

