
consequence of his sin, the Northern Kingdom plunged into idolatry. In Isaiah's day, they were staggering toward captivity and judgment. Judah, the Southern Kingdom, wasn't far behind. The more they refused to listen to God, the harder it became for them to hear Him, until God judged them with a total inability to receive His Word.

Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive. Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed. —Isaiah 6:10

Yet judgment is the black backdrop for the shining brilliance of God's grace. No Old Testament author prophesies God's grace like Isaiah. He promises a Savior born of a virgin who will be Emmanuel, God with us (7:14), prophesies a Light shining in the darkness (9:2), and assures us that the virgin's offspring will reign in perfection on this earth (9:6-7; 11:1-10).

As Israel slid into captivity, God condemned all nations who would dare to touch His people (Isaiah 13-35). No nation on earth can claim independence from the reign of the Lord of Hosts. Right after predicting the fall of righteous Hezekiah's kingdom (Isaiah 36-39), Isaiah extends comfort and promises restoration to the doomed nation (Isaiah 40-48).

In Isaiah, God is not only big, He's deep. Sin's horrors exact such a cost! Who is there among men who can pay the infinite debt of man's rejection of his Creator? Grace beyond comprehension flows from Isaiah's pen—and from God's heart—as he predicts the sacrifice of God's Servant for the world's sins (Isaiah 53). The riches of God's grace in Christ Jesus overflow the depths of sin's cost and set sinful man free!

Isaiah lays the foundation for Galatians. The Gospel overflow of new life in Christ—not the good works of man—offers the only hope there is on earth. Israel's history demonstrates the Law's utter inadequacy to overcome sin, and Jesus' resurrection proves His absolute power to save.

As you read God's Word this month, let God be God. Surrender to Him completely. Let Him reign in you, as He does over all the world for all time.

Prayer for ...

- **Northpoint:** Pray for a lasting legacy of service in God's kingdom, measured in souls who come to embrace Christ.
- **Local Outreach:** Pray for the Corona Walk for Life
- **Missions:** Stefanos & Manon Mihalios (Reach Global): Greece

Need to pray with someone?

It is our privilege to pray for you personally. Share your prayer requests

- By email at prayer@northpointcorona.org
- By phone, at 951.734.1335
- On a Response Card in the pew during the worship service

Prayer Team members are available after every worship service.



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Bible Reading Plan and Prayer Guide

(Year TWO) September 2019

Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to him again? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen. —Romans 11:33-36

My God Is So BIG!

It's amazing how the greatest truths can be expressed in the simplest words. We used to sing a bedtime song with our kids back in their preschool days, "My God is so big, so strong, and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do!" We really got into the "motions" and had a good time singing about our big God with our little kids.

The next Bible books we will read, Proverbs, Galatians, and Isaiah, reveal just how big our God is. Sure, it takes a big God to create the Universe with a word, speak light into being, and make millions of different plants and animals sprout from the earth. But God's real might shines as He works out His redemptive plan.

God is so big, that He could create the human race in His own image—a race He gave the real choice to obey or reject Him. We rejected Him. And He's so big, that He could let our race go its own way for thousands of years without ever losing control.

Proverbs gives us divine common sense and shows the benefit of doing things God's way. Authored and collected by Solomon and Hezekiah, two of Israel's great kings, Proverbs attracts us to godly living by emphasizing the good life that God intends for His people.

Our Old Testament readings have chronicled Israel's persistent rejection of the God who loved them so much. God's determined grace reveals how truly great He is. In response to God's delivering them from slavery, Israel turned to other gods. After God gave them the Promised Land, they lapsed repeatedly into sin and became enslaved over and over again. Every judge God sent to deliver them was a gift of His grace. But each became another occasion for them to reject Him, until Israel insisted on having their own king. Eventually, even their kings, including Solomon and Hezekiah, led them astray.

In Isaiah, God is big. After Solomon's kingdom was divided as a

Reading and Prayer Schedule (Year TWO)

September 2019

Sunday: Church & Ministry	Monday: Home & Family	Tuesday: School or Job	Wednesday: Neighbors & Community	Thursday: Nation	Friday: World & Kingdom	Saturday: Praise for God's Blessings
<p><i>You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock. – Isaiah 26:3-4</i></p>						
<p>1) Read: Proverbs 15 <i>Pray for ...</i> Marti Wiegman, Ministry Director for Women: May God's Spirit empower her ministry, to transform lives.</p>	<p>2) Read: Proverbs 16 <i>Pray for ...</i> Ask God to use you to influence your family to love and follow Jesus Christ as Lord through faith, especially those with the greatest need.</p>	<p>3) Read: Proverbs 17 <i>Pray for ...</i> The love and character of Christ to shine through you in every aspect of your life.</p>	<p>4) Read: Proverbs 18 <i>Pray for ...</i> <i>Corona-Norco Rescue Mission:</i> May the Gospel of Jesus Christ transform the lives of the homeless.</p>	<p>5) Read: Proverbs 19 <i>Pray for ...</i> A keen awareness of our utter dependence on God that drives us constantly to our knees before Him,</p>	<p>6) Read: Proverbs 20 <i>Pray for ...</i> Strength and growth in the Church in China. May it thrive, despite persecution & the lack of religious freedom.</p>	<p>7) Read: Proverbs 21 <i>Give praise for ...</i> The abundance, security, and freedom we enjoy in America. May we use them responsibly for His kingdom.</p>
<p>8) Read: Proverbs 22 <i>Pray for ...</i> Geoff Grant, Director of Worship, to cultivate complete devotion & obedience to Christ, so he can lead Northpoint to do the same.</p>	<p>9) Read: Galatians 1 <i>Pray for ...</i> Pray beyond the "now." Ask God to fill the generations coming after you with faith, hope, & love through the Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>10) Read: Galatians 2 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to meet the needs of your colleagues. Ask Him to use their struggles to lead them to Him and to use you in the process.</p>	<p>11) Read: Galatians 3 <i>Pray for ...</i> <i>Corona Life Services</i> to be used by God to redeem the lives of all who come in for help, along with their children.</p>	<p>12) Read: Galatians 4 <i>Pray for ...</i> Husbands & wives in America to be faithful first to Christ, then to each other in life-long marriage & commitment to lead their families in His ways.</p>	<p>13) Read: Galatians 5 <i>Pray for ...</i> A revival in the Church throughout the West, so Christ can once again set His defining mark on those long-standing but backslidden cultures.</p>	<p>14) Read: Galatians 6 <i>Give thanks that ...</i> Christ died on the cross for your sin. Praise Him that you are free from sin & the burden of being righteous in your own strength.</p>
<p>15) Read: Isaiah 1 <i>Pray for ...</i> Bob Brown, Ministry Assistant Communications, to keep the flow of ministry smooth, effective, and harmonious with the mission of Christ.</p>	<p>16) Read: Isaiah 2 <i>Pray for ...</i> God's blessings on your cousins & that they will rejoice in Jesus Christ as Savior & Lord.</p>	<p>17) Read: Isaiah 3 <i>Pray for ...</i> God's peace, which passes all understanding, to be visible in all your actions & interactions at work.</p>	<p>18) Read: Isaiah 4 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to spread His love through you to your neighbors, so they see Christ in you and turn to Him.</p>	<p>19) Read: Isaiah 5 <i>Pray for ...</i> Revival to break out in the Church in the United States and spread throughout the entire world proclaiming Christ above all things.</p>	<p>20) Read: Isaiah 6 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to use the refugee crisis in Europe & the Middle East to lead many people to Jesus Christ as Savior & Lord.</p>	<p>21) Read: Isaiah 7 <i>Rejoice ...</i> In the hope found in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Life eternal is yours in Him!</p>
<p>22) Read: Isaiah 8 <i>Pray for ...</i> Michelle Balga, Ministry Assistant, Administration. Pray for God's grace to flow through her to others in all her interactions.</p>	<p>23) Read: Isaiah 9 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your church family (friends and prospective friends at Northpoint) to grow in faith & develop Christ-like character.</p>	<p>24) Read: Isaiah 10 <i>Pray for ...</i> The success of your workplace or the school you attend. Pray for God's abundant blessing & a clear awareness that all blessings flow from Him.</p>	<p>25) Read: Isaiah 11 <i>Pray for ...</i> Northpoint Church to thrive and be an influence for Christ in Corona & beyond.</p>	<p>26) Read: Isaiah 12 <i>Pray for ...</i> America to look to God alone for our good. May we embrace His truth & holiness exalting Christ & living His righteousness.</p>	<p>27) Read: Isaiah 13 <i>Pray for ...</i> The peace of Jerusalem, during a time of continuing trouble & opposition. Ask God to lead His chosen people to honor their Messiah.</p>	<p>28) Read: Isaiah 14 <i>Rejoice ...</i> The Lord reigns! He is working out His perfect will in all things and cares about your every need.</p>
<p>29) Read: Isaiah 15 <i>Pray for ...</i> Northpoint to reach out more and more to our community and grow by adding the new believers to our body.</p>	<p>30) Read: Isaiah 16 <i>Pray for ...</i> The Holy Spirit to fill you & your family anew, with a fresh love for Christ & for your others, so you can tell them of His love.</p>					