CRAWFORD BIBLE COMMENTARY

BIBLE STUDY

Isaiah Chapter 60 — The Glory of Zion

A Verse-by-Verse Bible Study from the Crawford Standard Bible

Introduction

Isaiah Chapter 60 is a chapter of:

Light.

Glory.

Gathering.

Restoration.

Peace.

Righteousness.

And everlasting hope.

Isaiah 59 ended with:

The Redeemer coming.

The Spirit remaining.

The Word continuing through:

Future generations.

Isaiah 60 now opens with the result:

> **“Arise, shine, for your light has come.”**

The contrast is immediate.

The earth is covered with:

Darkness.

The peoples are covered with:

Deep darkness.

But Zion is covered with:

The glory of the Lord.

The chapter therefore begins with two competing realities:

Worldwide darkness.

Divine glory.

Darkness is real.

But it is not:

Final.

The Lord rises upon:

Zion.

His glory becomes:

Visible.

Then something remarkable happens.

The nations begin:

Coming.

Verse 3 says:

> **“Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.”**

Zion is not glorified merely for:

Zion’s sake.

The glory upon her becomes:

A witness to the nations.

Then the chapter develops one of Isaiah’s great themes:

Gathering.

Sons return.

Daughters return.

Nations bring:

Resources.

Kings come.

Ships arrive.

Caravans approach.

Offerings are brought.

Foreigners help rebuild.

Gates remain:

Open.

The city once:

Forsaken.

Hated.

Empty.

Becomes:

Honored.

Beautiful.

Secure.

The transformation is dramatic.

Forsaken becomes:

Everlasting pride.

Violence becomes:

Peace.

Ruin becomes:

Salvation.

Destruction becomes:

Praise.

Darkness becomes:

Everlasting light.

Mourning becomes:

Joy.

Smallness becomes:

Abundance.

And at the center of all this restoration stands:

The Lord.

The chapter repeatedly reminds us that the purpose of Zion's glory is not:

Self-exaltation.

It is:

God's glory.

Verse 9 says:

> **"For the honor of the Lord your God."**

Verse 16 says:

> **"Then you will know that I, the Lord, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."**

Verse 21 says that the people are:

> **"The work of My hands, for the display of My splendor."**

The restored city exists to reveal:

The Restorer.

The beautiful people exist to reveal:

The God who made them beautiful.

The chapter also reaches beyond immediate historical restoration.

The language eventually becomes so expansive that it points toward:

The final glory of God's redeemed people.

Especially verses 19–20:

> **"The Lord will be your everlasting light."**

Revelation 21 and 22 echo this imagery when describing the New Jerusalem.

There the city does not need:

Sun.

Moon.

Because God's glory gives:

Light.

This does not mean every verse of Isaiah 60 should be flattened into only one future interpretation.

The chapter grows out of:

Zion's historical restoration.

But its language expands beyond a temporary return from exile toward:

Messianic.

Worldwide.

And ultimately consummated restoration.

The central truth of Isaiah 60 is:

The Lord transforms Zion from darkness, shame, abandonment, violence, and ruin into a radiant, gathered, peaceful, righteous, and glorious people whose light draws the nations, whose restoration displays God's splendor, and whose ultimate hope is found in the Lord Himself as their everlasting light.

I. ARISE AND SHINE

Isaiah 60:1 — The Glory of the Lord Has Come

> **"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."**

Two commands:

Arise.

Shine.

Why?

Because:

The light has come.

Cross References

Ephesians 5:14

Paul calls the spiritually sleeping person to wake and rise so that Christ may shine upon them.

Revelation 21:23

The final holy city needs no sun or moon because God's glory illuminates it and the Lamb is its lamp.

John 8:12

Jesus identifies Himself as the Light of the world and promises that those who follow Him will not remain in darkness but have the light of life.

Spiritual Principle

God's light creates:

Responsibility.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

When God gives light, He also calls His people to stop living as though darkness still owns them.

II. “YOUR LIGHT HAS COME”

Zion does not manufacture:

The light.

It comes from:

God.

Spiritual Principle

True spiritual light is:

Received.

Not invented.

III. GLORY RISES UPON YOU

The source of radiance is:

The Lord.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Zion shines because God shines upon her.

IV. DARKNESS COVERS THE EARTH

Isaiah 60:2 — Light in a Dark World

> **“Darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness covers the peoples; but the Lord rises upon you, and His glory appears over you.”**

Isaiah does not deny:

Darkness.

It is:

Deep.

Widespread.

Real.

But:

The Lord rises.

Cross References

John 1:5

The light shines in darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

Isaiah 9:2

People walking in deep darkness see a great light.

Matthew 4:16

Matthew applies Isaiah’s great-light imagery to the ministry of Jesus.

Spiritual Principle

Darkness is powerful.

But not:

Ultimate.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Never judge the future only by the darkness on the earth; look also for the glory rising from God.

V. “BUT THE LORD”

Those words change:

Everything.

Darkness:

But the Lord.

Fear:

But the Lord.

Judgment:

But the Lord.

Spiritual Principle

God’s presence changes:

The meaning of darkness.

VI. NATIONS COME TO THE LIGHT

Isaiah 60:3 — Glory Becomes Witness

> **“Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.”**

The light draws:

Nations.

Kings.

Cross References

Matthew 2:2

Wise men from the nations come seeking the newborn King after seeing His star.

Revelation 21:24

The nations walk by the light of the final holy city, and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it.

Psalm 72:11

Kings and nations are pictured bowing before and serving the righteous royal figure.

Spiritual Principle

God’s glory is:

Missionary.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

When God lights His people, the purpose is not merely that they feel brighter, but that others can see where to come.

VII. KINGS COME TO THE BRIGHTNESS

Earthly authority recognizes:

Greater glory.

Spiritual Principle

God’s light reaches:

Every level of society.

VIII. LIFT UP YOUR EYES

Isaiah 60:4 — The Scattered Return

> **“Lift up your eyes and look around: they all gather and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried at your side.”**

The command:

Look.

Why?

Because gathering is:

Happening.

Cross References

Isaiah 49:18

Zion is told to look around and see her children gathering and returning.

Isaiah 43:6

God commands the north and south to release His sons and daughters and bring them home.

Isaiah 66:12

God pictures restored Zion receiving her children tenderly and abundantly.

Spiritual Principle

God specializes in:

Gathering.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Sometimes restoration begins when God tells you to stop staring at what was lost and look at what He is bringing back.

IX. SONS AND DAUGHTERS RETURN

The restoration is:

Relational.

Generational.

Spiritual Principle

God’s work includes:

Families.

Communities.

Future generations.

X. RADIANT WITH JOY

Isaiah 60:5 — The Heart Enlarged

> **“Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will tremble and swell with joy, because the wealth of the seas will be brought to you, the riches of the nations will come to you.”**

The heart reacts with:

Awe.

Joy.

Wonder.

Cross References

Psalm 72:10

Kings from distant lands bring gifts and tribute.

Haggai 2:7

The nations are shaken and their treasures come, filling God’s house with glory.

Psalm 96:11

Heaven and earth are called to rejoice before the Lord.

Spiritual Principle

God’s restoration can overwhelm the heart with:

Joy.

XI. RICHES OF THE NATIONS

The resources of nations are redirected toward:

God’s purposes.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God can take what once served human pride and redirect it toward His glory.

XII. CARAVANS FROM MIDIAN, EPHAH, AND SHEBA

Isaiah 60:6 — Gold, Incense, and Praise

> **“A great caravan of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. All from Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.”**

The nations arrive with:

Gold.

Incense.

Praise.

Cross References

Matthew 2:11

The wise men bring Jesus gifts including gold and incense.

1 Kings 10:2

The queen of Sheba comes to Solomon with spices, gold, and precious treasures.

Psalm 72:15

The royal figure is honored with gold from Sheba.

Spiritual Principle

Material gifts become meaningful when joined with:

Praise.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The greatest thing the nations bring is not gold or incense—it is praise to the Lord.

XIII. SHEBA AND MESSIANIC ECHOES

The imagery of:

Gold.

Incense.

Nations.

Kings.

Naturally resonates with:

Messianic fulfillment.

Spiritual Principle

Zion’s restoration points toward:

A King worthy of global worship.

XIV. FLOCKS AND OFFERINGS

Isaiah 60:7 — Worship from the Nations

> **“All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth will serve you; they will be accepted as offerings on My altar, and I will glorify My glorious house.”**

The nations do not only bring:

Commerce.

They bring:

Worship.

Cross References

Psalm 68:29

Kings bring gifts because of God’s glorious temple.

Haggai 2:9

God promises that the latter glory of His house will surpass the former.

Malachi 1:11

God declares that His name will be great among the nations and pure worship will be offered widely.

Spiritual Principle

Mission ultimately leads to:

Worship.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The goal is not merely that nations admire Zion, but that nations honor Zion’s God.

XV. “I WILL GLORIFY MY HOUSE”

The sanctuary’s glory comes from:

God.

Spiritual Principle

God’s house is glorious when:

God is honored there.

XVI. FLYING LIKE CLOUDS

Isaiah 60:8 — Rapid Return

> **“Who are these that fly along like clouds, like doves returning to their nests?”**

Isaiah sees movement:

Fast.

Numerous.

Homeward.

Cross References

Hosea 11:11

God’s people return trembling like birds from distant lands as He restores them.

Psalm 68:13

Bird imagery is used poetically to describe beauty and movement.

Isaiah 60:4

The sons and daughters are already pictured returning from afar.

Spiritual Principle

God can accelerate:

Restoration.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

What looked scattered beyond recovery can suddenly begin coming home.

XVII. DOVES RETURN TO NESTS

The imagery is:

Tender.

Homeward.

Spiritual Principle

Restoration means more than relocation.

It means:

Home.

XVIII. THE ISLANDS LOOK TO GOD

Isaiah 60:9 — Ships Bring the Children Home

> **“Surely the islands look to Me; the ships of Tarshish are first, bringing your children from afar, with their silver and gold, for the honor of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for He has made you beautiful.”**

The purpose is clear:

> **“For the honor of the Lord.”**

Cross References

Isaiah 42:4

The distant islands wait in hope for God’s teaching and justice.

Psalm 72:10

Distant kings bring tribute and gifts.

Psalm 47:9

Nobles of the nations assemble with the people of Abraham’s God because the rulers of the earth belong to Him.

Spiritual Principle

Restoration should produce:

God-centered honor.

XIX. “HE HAS MADE YOU BEAUTIFUL”

Zion’s beauty is:

Received.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Grace does not merely forgive ugliness; it creates beauty that points back to the One who made it.

XX. FOREIGNERS REBUILD THE WALLS

Isaiah 60:10 — Anger Gives Way to Compassion

> **“Foreigners will rebuild your walls, and their kings will serve you. Though I struck you in My anger, in My favor I will have compassion on you.”**

The same God who:

Disciplined.

Now:

Restores.

Cross References

Zechariah 6:15

People from far away participate in building the Lord’s temple.

Ezra 6:14

The restored community succeeds in rebuilding through God’s command and royal support.

Isaiah 61:5

Foreigners are pictured assisting with the work and resources of restored Zion.

Spiritual Principle

Divine discipline is not the same as:

Permanent rejection.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The hand that disciplined Zion is the hand that rebuilds her.

XXI. FAVOR AFTER ANGER

God’s anger is:

Real.

His compassion:

Greater in the restoration.

Spiritual Principle

Judgment is not:

His final covenant word.

XXII. GATES ALWAYS OPEN

Isaiah 60:11 — Security Without Fear

> **“Your gates will always stand open; they will never be shut, day or night, so that the wealth of the nations may be brought to you, with their kings led in procession.”**

Open gates usually indicate:

Vulnerability.

Here they indicate:

Security.

There is no need to close them.

Cross References

Revelation 21:25

The gates of the New Jerusalem are never shut because there is no night there.

Zechariah 14:7

A unique day belonging to the Lord culminates in continuing light.

Isaiah 26:2

The gates are opened so the righteous nation may enter.

Spiritual Principle

Perfect security removes:

Fear.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

When God becomes the city’s true defense, open gates no longer mean weakness.

XXIII. NATIONS SERVE THE LORD’S PURPOSE

The wealth comes:

Into Zion.

Spiritual Principle

Human resources are ultimately under:

God’s ownership.

XXIV. NATIONS THAT RESIST GOD’S KINGDOM

Isaiah 60:12 — Rebellion Cannot Endure Forever

> **“For the nation or kingdom that will not serve you will perish; it will be utterly ruined.”**

This is strong kingdom language.

It reflects:

God’s sovereign rule.

Cross References

Psalm 2:9

The Messiah rules rebellious nations with irresistible authority.

Zechariah 14:17

Nations refusing to honor the Lord face consequences.

Daniel 7:27

The final kingdom belongs to the people of the Most High under God’s everlasting reign.

Spiritual Principle

God’s kingdom cannot be:

Overthrown.

XXV. THE GLORY OF LEBANON

Isaiah 60:13 — The Sanctuary Beautified

> **“The glory of Lebanon will come to you—the pine, the fir, and the cypress together—to adorn My sanctuary; and I will make the place of My feet glorious.”**

The finest materials are used for:

God’s sanctuary.

Cross References

Isaiah 35:2

Lebanon’s glory and beauty become images of restored creation.

1 Kings 5:6

Lebanon’s cedar was used in building Solomon’s temple.

Psalm 96:6

Splendor and majesty are before the Lord, and strength and beauty characterize His sanctuary.

Spiritual Principle

The best belongs:

To God.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

When God restores worship, beauty becomes a servant of holiness rather than a substitute for it.

XXVI. THE PLACE OF GOD’S FEET

The sanctuary is described as:

His dwelling place.

Spiritual Principle

God’s presence makes:

A place glorious.

XXVII. OPPRESSORS BOW

Isaiah 60:14 — The City of the Lord

> **“The children of your oppressors will come bowing before you; all who despised you will bow at your feet. They will call you the City of the Lord, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.”**

Despised Zion becomes:

Honored Zion.

Cross References

Revelation 3:9

Christ promises vindication for His faithful people before those who falsely opposed them.

Psalm 87:3

Glorious things are spoken concerning the city of God.

Zechariah 8:23

People from the nations seek association with God’s people because they recognize God is with them.

Spiritual Principle

God can reverse:

Human verdicts.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The people who once despised what God was doing may one day recognize where His presence truly rested.

XXVIII. “CITY OF THE LORD”

Zion’s greatest identity is not:

Wealth.

Beauty.

Population.

But:

Belonging to God.

Spiritual Principle

Identity comes from:

Ownership.

XXIX. FORSAKEN BECOMES EVERLASTING PRIDE

Isaiah 60:15 — Joy for Generations

> **“Although you were forsaken and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you an everlasting pride, a joy for all generations.”**

Before:

Forsaken.

Hated.

Empty.

After:

Honored.

Joyful.

Remembered.

Cross References

Isaiah 62:4

Zion will no longer be called forsaken or desolate because God delights in her.

Zephaniah 3:20

God promises to give His restored people honor and praise among the nations.

Isaiah 54:8

Momentary hiddenness gives way to everlasting covenant kindness.

Spiritual Principle

God’s restoration can completely reverse:

Reputation.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Never let a season called “forsaken” convince you that God cannot later write “joy for generations.”

XXX. THE LORD IDENTIFIED AS SAVIOR

Isaiah 60:16 — Savior, Redeemer, Mighty One

> **“You will drink the milk of nations, and be nursed at royal breasts. Then you will know that I, the Lord, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”**

The point of provision is:

Knowledge of God.

Three titles:

Savior.

Redeemer.

Mighty One.

Cross References

Isaiah 49:23

Kings and queens assist God’s people and demonstrate that those who hope in Him will not be ashamed.

Psalm 132:2

The Lord is called the Mighty One of Jacob.

Genesis 49:24

Jacob speaks of the Mighty One of Jacob as the source of strength and shepherding.

Spiritual Principle

Provision should deepen:

Knowledge of the Provider.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The blessing has reached its purpose when the recipient knows the Blesser more clearly.

XXXI. “YOU WILL KNOW”

Restoration becomes:

Revelation.

Spiritual Principle

God saves so His people may know:

Who saved them.

XXXII. GOLD INSTEAD OF BRONZE

Isaiah 60:17 — Better Than Before

> **“Instead of bronze I will bring you gold, and silver in place of iron. Instead of wood I will bring you bronze, and iron in place of stones. I will make peace your governor and righteousness your ruler.”**

Repeated phrase:

Instead of.

God improves:

What was.

Cross References

Haggai 2:8

Silver and gold belong ultimately to the Lord.

Isaiah 32:17

The work of righteousness produces peace, quietness, and confidence.

Psalm 72:7

Under the righteous King, righteousness flourishes and peace abounds.

Spiritual Principle

God’s restoration is not always merely:

Replacement.

Sometimes it is:

Improvement.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Grace can bring back more than what was lost—it can replace the former condition with something better.

XXXIII. PEACE AS GOVERNOR

What rules the city?

Peace.

Spiritual Principle

Godly government produces:

Shalom.

XXXIV. RIGHTEOUSNESS AS RULER

Justice and righteousness govern:

Life.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

A glorious city is not defined merely by precious materials, but by peace and righteousness in authority.

XXXV. VIOLENCE ENDS

Isaiah 60:18 — Walls Called Salvation, Gates Called Praise

> **“No longer will violence be heard in your land, nor ruin or destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise.”**

Violence:

Gone.

Destruction:

Gone.

Names changed:

Walls = Salvation.

Gates = Praise.

Cross References

Revelation 21:4

In the final restoration, death, mourning, crying, and pain are removed.

Zechariah 9:8

God promises protective presence around His house so oppressors no longer overrun His people.

Isaiah 26:1

God’s salvation itself is pictured as walls and defenses.

Spiritual Principle

Salvation becomes:

Security.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

When God is the wall, salvation is stronger than stone.

XXXVI. PRAISE AT THE GATES

Entry becomes:

Worship.

Spiritual Principle

A redeemed community should be:

Marked by praise.

XXXVII. THE LORD AS EVERLASTING LIGHT

Isaiah 60:19 — God Replaces Created Light

> **“The sun will no longer be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.”**

The imagery reaches:

Ultimate restoration.

The created lights become unnecessary beside:

The Creator’s glory.

Cross References

Revelation 21:23

The city has no need of sun or moon because God’s glory illuminates it and the Lamb is its lamp.

Revelation 22:5

There is no night, and God gives His people light forever.

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is described as the believer's light and salvation.

Spiritual Principle

God is not merely the giver of light.

He is:

Light for His people.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The greatest future blessing is not brighter circumstances; it is the Lord Himself becoming the everlasting light.

XXXVIII. GOD IS YOUR GLORY

Not merely:

God gives glory.

God:

Is glory.

Spiritual Principle

The redeemed person's highest treasure is:

God Himself.

XXXIX. MOURNING ENDS

Isaiah 60:20 — Everlasting Light and Finished Sorrow

> **"Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning will end."**

No sunset.

No waning.

No mourning.

Cross References

Revelation 21:25

There is no night in the final city, and its gates remain open.

Revelation 22:5

God’s servants live in perpetual divine light.

Zechariah 14:7

The Lord’s final day is pictured as uniquely characterized by continuing light.

Spiritual Principle

God’s final restoration is:

Permanent.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Every earthly light eventually fades; God’s light has no sunset.

XL. “YOUR DAYS OF MOURNING WILL END”

Not:

Reduced.

Ended.

Spiritual Principle

Grief has:

An expiration date in God’s final kingdom.

XLI. ALL THE PEOPLE RIGHTEOUS

Isaiah 60:21 — The Work of God’s Hands

> **“Then all your people will be righteous; they will inherit the land forever. They are the shoot I have planted, the work of My hands, for the display of My splendor.”**

Three great truths:

Righteous people.

Divine planting.

Divine workmanship.

Cross References

Isaiah 4:3

Those remaining in Zion are called holy.

Matthew 5:5

Jesus says the meek will inherit the earth.

1 Peter 2:9

God’s people are chosen to declare the excellencies of the One who called them out of darkness into marvelous light.

Spiritual Principle

God’s people exist to display:

God’s splendor.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

A redeemed life is God’s workmanship placed on display so others can see what grace can grow.

XLII. “THE SHOOT I HAVE PLANTED”

God is:

Gardener.

Spiritual Principle

Spiritual fruitfulness begins with:

Divine planting.

XLIII. “THE WORK OF MY HANDS”

Zion cannot boast:

I rebuilt myself.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The masterpiece does not sign the Artist’s name; the Artist already has.

XLIV. THE LEAST BECOMES A THOUSAND

Isaiah 60:22 — God’s Timing and Multiplication

> **“The least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I am the Lord; in its time I will do this swiftly.”**

Smallness becomes:

Multiplication.

Weakness becomes:

Strength.

Cross References

Exodus 1:7

Israel multiplies greatly despite oppression.

Ezekiel 36:37

God promises to increase His people like a flock.

Genesis 12:2

God promises Abraham that He will make of him a great nation.

Spiritual Principle

God is not limited by:

Small beginnings.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Never measure God’s future by the size of the beginning.

XLV. “IN ITS TIME”

God has:

Timing.

Spiritual Principle

Promise does not eliminate:

Waiting.

XLVI. “I WILL DO THIS SWIFTLY”

At the appointed time:

Sudden fulfillment.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God may prepare slowly and fulfill suddenly.

XLVII. THE GREAT MOVEMENT FROM ISAIAH 59 TO ISAIAH 60

Isaiah 59

Darkness.

Sin.

Separation.

Truth fallen.

Isaiah 60

Light.

Glory.

Gathering.

Righteousness.

Key Truth

The Redeemer of Isaiah 59 creates the radiant restoration of Isaiah 60.

XLVIII. ISAIAH 60 AND THE LIGHT THEME

Isaiah 9:

Great light.

Isaiah 42:

Servant as light.

Isaiah 49:

Light to nations.

Isaiah 60:

Zion shines because God’s glory rises upon her.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God’s light moves from promise, to Servant, to nations, to a people who reflect His glory.

XLIX. ISAIAH 60 AND JESUS CHRIST

Jesus says:

> **“I am the Light of the world.”**

The New Testament repeatedly connects divine light with:

Christ.

Spiritual Principle

The fullest Christian reading of Isaiah’s light finds its center in:

Jesus.

L. ISAIAH 60 AND THE MAGI

Matthew 2 includes:

Nations.

A king.

A star.

Gold.

Incense.

These themes naturally echo:

Isaiah’s vision.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The visit of the wise men gives an early glimpse of nations bringing honor to the Messiah.

LI. ISAIAH 60 AND REVELATION 21

Shared imagery:

Nations.

Kings.

Open gates.

Glory.

Light.

No night.

Key Truth

Revelation takes Isaiah’s Zion imagery and carries it into the final vision of the New Jerusalem.

LII. ISAIAH 60 AND REVELATION 22

The Lord gives:

Everlasting light.

No night.

Spiritual Principle

The story ends where God Himself becomes:

All the light His people need.

LIII. ISAIAH 54 AND ISAIAH 60

Isaiah 54

Enlarge:

The tent.

Isaiah 60

Nations and children:

Fill the city.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The tent had to be enlarged because the gathering was always going to be bigger than Zion expected.

LIV. ISAIAH 56 AND ISAIAH 60

Isaiah 56

House of prayer for:

All nations.

Isaiah 60

Nations come to:

The light.

Spiritual Principle

Worldwide prayer becomes:

Worldwide gathering.

LV. ISAIAH 58 AND ISAIAH 60

Isaiah 58

Your light will rise.

Isaiah 60

> **“Arise, shine.”**

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Righteous living and divine glory both make God’s people visible in a dark world.

LVI. ISAIAH 59 AND ISAIAH 60

Isaiah 59

Darkness through:

Sin.

Isaiah 60

Light through:

God’s glory.

Spiritual Principle

God’s answer to moral darkness is:

Redemptive light.

LVII. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT DARKNESS

Darkness covers:

Earth.

Spiritual Principle

The Bible is realistic about:

Human darkness.

LVIII. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT LIGHT

The Lord:

Rises.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Darkness does not disappear because humanity becomes smarter; light comes because God acts.

LIX. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT GLORY

The glory belongs to:

God.

Spiritual Principle

Zion reflects:

Divine glory.

LX. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT MISSION

Nations come:

To the light.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

A people truly marked by God should point beyond themselves toward God.

LXI. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT GATHERING

Children.

Nations.

Kings.

Ships.

Caravans.

Spiritual Principle

God’s restoration is:

Expansive.

LXII. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT WORSHIP

Gold.

Incense.

Offerings.

Praise.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The nations’ resources ultimately become instruments of worship.

LXIII. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT BEAUTY

“He has made you beautiful.”

Spiritual Principle

Grace beautifies:

What judgment left broken.

LXIV. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT DISCIPLINE

“Though I struck you in My anger…”

Spiritual Principle

God’s discipline is:

Real.

LXV. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT COMPASSION

“In My favor I will have compassion on you.”

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The God who disciplines is also the God who restores.

LXVI. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT PEACE

Peace becomes:

Governor.

Spiritual Principle

God’s final kingdom is not ruled by:

Violence.

LXVII. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT RIGHTEOUSNESS

Righteousness becomes:

Ruler.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God’s ideal society is governed not merely efficiently, but righteously.

LXVIII. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT SECURITY

Gates remain:

Open.

Spiritual Principle

God’s security removes:

Fear.

LXIX. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT SALVATION

Walls are called:

Salvation.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God does not merely place salvation inside the city; salvation becomes the city’s defense.

LXX. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT PRAISE

Gates called:

Praise.

Spiritual Principle

Those entering restored Zion encounter:

Worship.

LXXI. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT MOURNING

It will:

End.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Mourning may be a chapter, but God refuses to let it write the final sentence.

LXXII. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT GOD AS LIGHT

The Lord Himself becomes:

Everlasting light.

Spiritual Principle

God is:

The final environment of joy.

LXXIII. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE

All the people become:

Righteous.

Spiritual Principle

Final restoration is:

Moral.

Not merely:

Material.

LXXIV. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT DIVINE WORKMANSHIP

God plants.

God builds.

God beautifies.

God multiplies.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Zion’s glory is the testimony of God’s workmanship, not human self-congratulation.

LXXV. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT TIMING

> **“In its time.”**

Spiritual Principle

God works according to:

Appointed times.

LXXVI. WHAT ISAIAH 60 TEACHES ABOUT SUDDENNESS

> **“I will do this swiftly.”**

Crawford Bible Study Principle

A promise can wait for years and then arrive with breathtaking speed.

LXXVII. ARISE

Do not stay:

Down.

Spiritual Principle

Restoration changes:

Posture.

LXXVIII. SHINE

Do not hide:

Light.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The glory God gives is meant to become visible.

LXXIX. LIGHT HAS COME

The source arrives:

First.

Spiritual Principle

We shine because:

He came.

LXXX. GLORY RISES

God’s presence.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Real revival is more than activity; it is the visible effect of God’s presence.

LXXXI. DEEP DARKNESS

The condition is:

Severe.

Spiritual Principle

God’s glory does not require:

Favorable conditions.

LXXXII. NATIONS COME

Mission.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Divine light creates missionary gravity.

LXXXIII. KINGS COME

Authority attracted.

Spiritual Principle

God’s glory outranks:

Human glory.

LXXXIV. LIFT YOUR EYES

Perspective.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Sometimes God must change where you are looking before you recognize what He is gathering.

LXXXV. CHILDREN FROM AFAR

Restoration.

Spiritual Principle

Distance does not defeat:

God’s gathering.

LXXXVI. HEART SWELLS WITH JOY

Emotional restoration.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God can make the same heart that trembled in grief tremble again in joy.

LXXXVII. WEALTH OF SEAS

Abundance.

Spiritual Principle

God owns:

The resources.

LXXXVIII. GOLD AND INCENSE

Honor.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The nations bring treasure, but the treasure becomes meaningful only when it accompanies praise.

LXXXIX. PRAISES OF LORD

Mission’s goal.

Spiritual Principle

The nations become:

Worshipers.

XC. ACCEPTED OFFERINGS

God receives:

Their worship.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The nations are not merely spectators at Zion; they become participants in worship.

XCI. DOVES RETURNING

Homecoming.

Spiritual Principle

God gathers with:

Tenderness.

XCII. ISLANDS LOOK TO GOD

Distant peoples.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

No coastline lies beyond the horizon of God’s mission.

XCIII. SHIPS BRING CHILDREN

Means become:

Servants of restoration.

Spiritual Principle

God can use ordinary resources to accomplish:

Covenant purposes.

XCIV. SILVER AND GOLD

Wealth redirected.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Resources become holy when they are surrendered to God’s honor.

XCV. FOREIGNERS REBUILD

Former outsiders become:

Helpers.

Spiritual Principle

Restoration can involve unexpected:

People.

XCVI. KINGS SERVE

Power redirected.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Earthly authority reaches its proper place when it serves God’s purposes.

XCVII. STRUCK IN ANGER

Discipline remembered.

Spiritual Principle

Grace does not rewrite history dishonestly.

XCVIII. COMPASSION IN FAVOR

Restoration.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God can tell the truth about judgment and still write mercy afterward.

XCIX. OPEN GATES

No fear.

Spiritual Principle

Security becomes:

Visible.

C. DAY AND NIGHT

Continuous access.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God’s final kingdom does not operate on fear-driven closing hours.

CI. REBELLIOUS KINGDOMS PERISH

Sovereignty.

Spiritual Principle

God’s reign:

Wins.

CII. LEBANON’S GLORY

Creation serves:

Worship.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The beauty of creation reaches its highest purpose when it adorns the worship of the Creator.

CIII. PLACE OF HIS FEET

Presence.

Spiritual Principle

The sanctuary is glorious because:

He is there.

CIV. OPPRESSORS BOW

Vindication.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The humiliated may someday watch God correct the verdict of those who despised them.

CV. CITY OF THE LORD

Identity.

Spiritual Principle

Belonging to God is:

The highest civic title.

CVI. ZION OF HOLY ONE

Holiness defines:

The city.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

A city belonging to the Holy One must ultimately reflect His holiness.

CVII. FORSAKEN TO HONORED

Reversal.

Spiritual Principle

God restores:

Reputation.

CVIII. HATED TO JOY

Transformation.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God can turn a place people avoided into a place generations celebrate.

CIX. SAVIOR

Rescue.

Spiritual Principle

God delivers.

CX. REDEEMER

Recovery.

Spiritual Principle

God buys back what was:

Lost.

CXI. MIGHTY ONE OF JACOB

Power.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The Redeemer is gentle enough to gather and mighty enough to protect what He gathers.

CXII. GOLD FOR BRONZE

Upgrade.

Spiritual Principle

God’s future surpasses:

Former conditions.

CXIII. SILVER FOR IRON

Greater value.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Grace does not always restore the exact old thing; sometimes it gives something richer.

CXIV. PEACE GOVERNS

No tyranny.

Spiritual Principle

Shalom becomes:

Policy.

CXV. RIGHTEOUSNESS RULES

Moral government.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The best government is not merely strong—it is righteous.

CXVI. NO VIOLENCE

Safety.

Spiritual Principle

God’s final kingdom excludes:

Destructive violence.

CXVII. NO RUIN

Preservation.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Where God’s salvation becomes the wall, destruction no longer defines the city.

CXVIII. WALLS CALLED SALVATION

Defense.

Spiritual Principle

God Himself saves.

CXIX. GATES CALLED PRAISE

Entrance.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The gates of the restored city do not announce fear; they announce praise.

CXX. NO NEED FOR SUN

Ultimate glory.

Spiritual Principle

Created light yields to:

Creator light.

CXXI. EVERLASTING LIGHT

No sunset.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Everything created has an evening; God’s glory does not.

CXXII. GOD AS GLORY

Highest treasure.

Spiritual Principle

Heaven is glorious because:

God is there.

CXXIII. MOURNING ENDS

Final comfort.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God does not merely wipe tears—He creates a future where the causes of those tears are gone.

CXXIV. PEOPLE RIGHTEOUS

Transformation.

Spiritual Principle

God’s salvation creates:

Holy people.

CXXV. LAND INHERITED FOREVER

Stability.

Spiritual Principle

Final restoration is:

Secure.

CXXVI. PLANTED BY GOD

Life.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

What God plants has roots human opposition cannot finally remove.

CXXVII. WORK OF HIS HANDS

Grace.

Spiritual Principle

The redeemed are:

Divine workmanship.

CXXVIII. DISPLAY OF SPLENDOR

Purpose.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God does not restore us so we can display ourselves; He restores us so His splendor can be seen.

CXXIX. LEAST BECOMES THOUSAND

Multiplication.

Spiritual Principle

Smallness is not:

Final.

CXXX. SMALLEST BECOMES MIGHTY

Weakness transformed.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God can build a mighty future from a beginning everyone else overlooked.

CXXXI. “I AM THE LORD”

The guarantee.

Spiritual Principle

Promise rests on:

God’s identity.

CXXXII. “IN ITS TIME”

Patience.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Do not call a promise late when God still calls it “in its time.”

CXXXIII. “I WILL DO THIS SWIFTLY”

Sudden fulfillment.

Spiritual Principle

God controls:

Pace.

CXXXIV. ISAIAH 60 AS A LIGHT CHAPTER

Light.

Brightness.

Glory.

No darkness.

Everlasting light.

Key Truth

The chapter begins with light arriving and ends with God Himself as everlasting light.

CXXXV. ISAIAH 60 AS A GATHERING CHAPTER

Sons.

Daughters.

Nations.

Kings.

Ships.

Caravans.

Spiritual Principle

God’s restoration is never:

Small-minded.

CXXXVI. ISAIAH 60 AS A MISSIONARY CHAPTER

Nations come:

To light.

Bring:

Praise.

Serve:

God’s purposes.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

A restored Zion becomes a missionary sign pointing the nations toward the Lord.

CXXXVII. ISAIAH 60 AS A WORSHIP CHAPTER

Gold.

Incense.

Offerings.

Sanctuary.

Praise.

Spiritual Principle

Restoration culminates in:

Worship.

CXXXVIII. ISAIAH 60 AS A RESTORATION CHAPTER

Walls rebuilt.

Gates open.

Forsaken city honored.

Violence ended.

Mourning ended.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God’s restoration is comprehensive: physical, relational, moral, spiritual, and generational.

CXXXIX. ISAIAH 60 AS A PEACE CHAPTER

Peace governs.

Violence ends.

Spiritual Principle

God’s glory produces:

Shalom.

CXL. ISAIAH 60 AS A RIGHTEOUSNESS CHAPTER

Righteousness rules.

All people righteous.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The glory of God is never separated from the holiness of His people.

CXLI. ISAIAH 60 AS A FUTURE-HOPE CHAPTER

Everlasting light.

No mourning.

Permanent inheritance.

Spiritual Principle

History is moving toward:

God’s glory.

CXLII. TWELVE GREAT CONTRASTS IN ISAIAH 60

1. Darkness → Light

2. Deep Darkness → Divine Glory

3. Scattering → Gathering

4. Fear → Radiance

5. Poverty → Abundance

6. Ruined Walls → Rebuilt Walls

7. Closed Fearful City → Open Gates

8. Forsaken → Honored

9. Violence → Peace

10. Destruction → Salvation

11. Mourning → Everlasting Light

12. Smallness → Mighty Multiplication

Key Truth

Isaiah 60 is one long testimony to God's power to reverse what darkness, exile, violence, shame, and grief appeared to make permanent.

CXLIII. TWELVE GREAT LESSONS FROM ISAIAH 60

1. God's Glory Outshines Darkness

Principle:

Darkness may cover the earth, but it cannot extinguish divine light.

2. God’s People Are Called to Shine

Principle:

Received light becomes reflected light.

3. God’s Glory Draws the Nations

Principle:

Mission begins with God making Himself visible through His people.

4. God Gathers the Scattered

Principle:

Distance cannot defeat His restoring purpose.

5. Restoration Produces Joy

Principle:

A grieving heart can become radiant again.

6. The Nations Ultimately Serve God’s Glory

Principle:

Earthly resources and authority belong under divine purpose.

7. God Turns Anger into Compassion

Principle:

Discipline is not permanent rejection.

8. God Reverses Shame

Principle:

The forsaken city becomes a joy for generations.

9. Peace and Righteousness Belong Together

Principle:

God’s ideal rule is both peaceful and righteous.

10. God Himself Is the Final Light

Principle:

The highest blessing is His presence.

11. Mourning Will End

Principle:

Sorrow does not receive the final word.

12. God Can Multiply the Small

Principle:

His timing determines when small beginnings become mighty outcomes.

CXLIV. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR PERSONAL STUDY

Question 1

What commands open Isaiah 60?

Arise and shine.

Question 2

Why should Zion shine?

Because her light has come and the Lord’s glory rises upon her.

Question 3

What covers the earth?

Darkness and deep darkness.

Question 4

What rises upon Zion?

The Lord and His glory.

Question 5

Who comes to Zion’s light?

Nations and kings.

Question 6

What does Zion see when she lifts her eyes?

Her children gathering from afar.

Question 7

How does Zion react?

With radiance, awe, and joy.

Question 8

What do the nations bring?

Resources, gold, incense, flocks, and praise.

Question 9

What is more important than the material gifts?

The praise and honor given to the Lord.

Question 10

Who helps rebuild Zion’s walls?

Foreigners.

Question 11

What does God say about His former anger?

He struck Zion in anger but now shows compassion in favor.

Question 12

Why are the gates always open?

Because the city is secure and the nations continually come.

Question 13

What happens to nations persistently resisting God’s rule?

They do not endure.

Question 14

What adorns God’s sanctuary?

The glory and resources of Lebanon.

Question 15

What will Zion’s former oppressors acknowledge?

That she is the City of the Lord.

Question 16

What happens to the city once called forsaken?

It becomes an everlasting joy and honor.

Question 17

What titles does God give Himself in verse 16?

Savior, Redeemer, and Mighty One of Jacob.

Question 18

What rules the restored city?

Peace and righteousness.

Question 19

What disappears from the land?

Violence, ruin, and destruction.

Question 20

What are the walls called?

Salvation.

Question 21

What are the gates called?

Praise.

Question 22

Who becomes Zion’s everlasting light?

The Lord.

Question 23

What happens to mourning?

It ends.

Question 24

How are the people described?

Righteous and planted by God.

Question 25

Why does God plant them?

For the display of His splendor.

Question 26

What happens to the least and smallest?

They become multiplied and mighty.

Question 27

When will God fulfill the promise?

In its appointed time.

Question 28

How quickly can He fulfill it when the time arrives?

Swiftly.

CXLV. PERSONAL APPLICATION

Isaiah 60 asks several searching questions.

Am I Still Sitting When God Says:

Arise?

Am I Hiding When God Says:

Shine?

Do I Believe Darkness Is:

Stronger?

Or do I believe God’s glory is:

Greater?

Am I Trying to Produce my own:

Light?

Instead of reflecting:

God’s?

Does my life draw attention toward:

God?

Or toward:

Me?

Have I stopped looking for people God may still be:

Gathering?

Can I believe God can restore:

Relationships?

Families?

Communities?

Ministries?

Am I prepared for:

Unexpected restoration?

Does God’s blessing make me more:

Radiant?

Thankful?

Worshipful?

Do I view my resources as:

Mine alone?

Or as something that can honor:

God?

Do I believe God can use unexpected people to help:

Rebuild?

Have I mistaken divine discipline for:

Permanent rejection?

Do I believe God’s compassion can write a new chapter after:

Anger?

Am I living as though fear requires:

Closed gates?

What still makes me feel:

Forsaken?

Can I believe God can turn that place into:

Joy?

Is peace governing:

My heart?

Is righteousness ruling:

My choices?

Is there violence, bitterness, or destruction that God wants to:

Remove?

Is God Himself:

My light?

Or do I depend on:

People?

Circumstances?

Success?

Approval?

Do I believe my mourning has:

An ending?

Do I see myself as:

The work of God’s hands?

Is my life displaying:

His splendor?

Have I despised a:

Small beginning?

Can I wait for:

God’s time?

Can I believe He can act:

Swiftly?

CXLVI. A CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

“Do Not Measure God’s Light by the Darkness Around You”

Darkness covers:

Earth.

But glory rises:

Upon Zion.

Principle:

The condition of the world does not determine the strength of God’s light.

CXLVII. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

“You Shine Best When You Remember the Light Is Not Yours”

Zion’s glory comes from:

God.

Principle:

The safest kind of spiritual influence is reflected glory.

CXLVIII. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

“The God Who Scattered Can Gather”

Children come:

From afar.

Principle:

Distance is never greater than the reach of the One who gathers.

CXLIX. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

“God Can Turn a Forsaken Place into a Joy for Generations”

Forsaken.

Hated.

Empty.

Then:

Honored.

Principle:

Never allow a temporary description to become your permanent prophecy.

CL. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

“Peace and Righteousness Make Better Rulers Than Fear and Violence”

God says:

Peace governs.

Righteousness rules.

Principle:

God’s kingdom is not merely powerful; it is morally beautiful.

CLI. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

“Every Earthly Light Has a Sunset—God Does Not”

Sun fades.

Moon wanes.

God remains:

Everlasting light.

Principle:

Build your deepest hope on the Light that cannot go down.

CLII. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

“Do Not Despise the Smallest Beginning When God Has Said, ‘In Its Time’”

Least:

Thousand.

Smallest:

Nation.

Principle:

Smallness is not proof that God’s promise is small.

CLIII. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

“God May Prepare Slowly and Fulfill Suddenly”

> **“In its time I will do this swiftly.”**

Principle:

Waiting and sudden fulfillment are not opposites when both belong to God’s timing.

CLIV. THE CALL TO ARISE

Restoration begins with:

Movement.

Spiritual Principle

Grace calls:

Forward.

CLV. THE CALL TO SHINE

Light must become:

Visible.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Do not ask God for light and then hide what He gives.

CLVI. THE WORLD’S DARKNESS

Real.

Spiritual Principle

Christian hope is not:

Denial.

CLVII. THE LORD’S GLORY

Greater.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Biblical hope looks directly at darkness and still says, “But the Lord.”

CLVIII. THE NATIONS RESPOND

Mission.

Spiritual Principle

God’s glory creates:

Movement.

CLIX. KINGS RESPOND

Authority.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The highest earthly throne remains beneath God’s glory.

CLX. GATHERED CHILDREN

Restoration.

Spiritual Principle

God rebuilds through:

People.

CLXI. RADIANT FACE

Joy seen:

Externally.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Some blessings are so deep they eventually show on the face.

CLXII. TREMBLING HEART

Awe.

Spiritual Principle

Joy can be:

Overwhelming.

CLXIII. CARAVANS

Abundance.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God’s provision can arrive from directions you never expected.

CLXIV. GOLD

Value.

Spiritual Principle

Resources surrendered to God become:

Worship tools.

CLXV. INCENSE

Worship.

Spiritual Principle

Praise belongs:

With provision.

CLXVI. SHEBA PRAISES THE LORD

Nations worship.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Mission is complete when those once far away praise the Lord for themselves.

CLXVII. KEDAR AND NEBAIOTH

Former distant peoples participate.

Spiritual Principle

God’s mission reaches:

Beyond familiar borders.

CLXVIII. ALTAR ACCEPTANCE

Worship welcomed.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The nations are not merely admitted into the courtyard; their worship is received.

CLXIX. CLOUDS AND DOVES

Multitudes and homecoming.

Spiritual Principle

God can gather:

Quickly.

CLXX. SHIPS OF TARSHISH

Distance overcome.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The same sea that once represented distance becomes the highway of return.

CLXXI. “HE MADE YOU BEAUTIFUL”

Grace.

Spiritual Principle

Beauty can be:

Restored.

CLXXII. WALLS REBUILT

Security.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Broken walls do not mean permanent exposure.

CLXXIII. ANGER AND FAVOR

Both true.

Spiritual Principle

God’s holiness and mercy:

Coexist.

CLXXIV. OPEN GATES

Confidence.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The city that trusts God does not need fear to become its gatekeeper.

CLXXV. KINGDOMS BOW TO GOD’S RULE

Sovereignty.

Spiritual Principle

God’s kingdom is:

Final.

CLXXVI. SANCTUARY BEAUTIFIED

Worship restored.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God can take the materials of creation and turn them into a testimony of holiness.

CLXXVII. FORMER DESPISERS RECOGNIZE ZION

Vindication.

Spiritual Principle

God corrects:

False judgments.

CLXXVIII. FORSAKEN NO MORE

Identity changed.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God specializes in renaming places pain thought it owned.

CLXXIX. SAVIOR AND REDEEMER

Personal revelation.

Spiritual Principle

Restoration reveals:

Who God is.

CLXXX. GOLD FOR BRONZE

Increase in glory.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God can replace survival-quality restoration with kingdom-quality abundance.

CLXXXI. PEACE AS GOVERNOR

Rule.

Spiritual Principle

Peace governs:

Relationships.

CLXXXII. RIGHTEOUSNESS AS RULER

Moral order.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Peace without righteousness is fragile; righteousness gives peace a foundation.

CLXXXIII. VIOLENCE SILENCED

Transformation.

Spiritual Principle

God’s kingdom heals:

Communities.

CLXXXIV. WALLS OF SALVATION

Defense.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Stone walls can fall; salvation does not.

CLXXXV. GATES OF PRAISE

Access.

Spiritual Principle

Praise marks:

Entrance.

CLXXXVI. NO SUN REQUIRED

Divine sufficiency.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

When God Himself is the light, nothing created has to carry the burden of being ultimate.

CLXXXVII. NO MOON REQUIRED

Created lights secondary.

Spiritual Principle

God surpasses:

Every created good.

CLXXXVIII. EVERLASTING LIGHT

Permanence.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God’s people are moving toward a day with no spiritual sunset.

CLXXXIX. MOURNING FINISHED

Hope.

Spiritual Principle

Sorrow is:

Temporary.

CXC. RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE

Final transformation.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

God does not merely put righteous people in a better city; He creates a righteous people fit for that city.

CXCI. DIVINE PLANTING

God causes:

Life.

Spiritual Principle

Grace grows:

Fruit.

CXCII. DIVINE WORKMANSHIP

God receives:

Credit.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

The restored community is an exhibit of what God’s hands can do.

CXCIII. DISPLAY OF SPLENDOR

Mission.

Spiritual Principle

God’s people become:

Testimony.

CXCIV. LEAST TO THOUSAND

Multiplication.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

Do not count God out because the beginning looks numerically unimpressive.

CXCV. SMALL TO MIGHTY

Transformation.

Spiritual Principle

God multiplies:

Potential.

CXCVI. GOD’S TIME

Patience.

Crawford Bible Study Principle

A promise is not delayed merely because it has not arrived on our preferred schedule.

CXCVII. GOD’S SPEED

Suddenness.

Spiritual Principle

Fulfillment can be:

Rapid.

CXCVIII. ISAIAH 60 AS A WHOLE

The chapter moves:

From:

Darkness.

To:

Light.

From:

Scattering.

To:

Gathering.

From:

Poverty.

To:

Abundance.

From:

Forsaken.

To:

Honored.

From:

Violence.

To:

Peace.

From:

Mourning.

To:

Everlasting glory.

From:

Smallness.

To:

Multiplication.

Key Truth

Isaiah 60 is a prophetic portrait of restoration so complete that every major scar of exile—darkness, distance, shame, poverty, violence, abandonment, and grief—is answered by the glory of the Lord.

CXCIX. TEN GREAT MOVEMENTS IN ISAIAH 60

1. The Light Arrives

The glory of the Lord rises upon Zion.

2. Darkness Is Overcome

Deep darkness cannot prevent divine glory from appearing.

3. The Nations Are Drawn

Kings and peoples come toward the light.

4. The Scattered Are Gathered

Sons and daughters return from afar.

5. Worship and Resources Flow Toward Zion

Gold, incense, flocks, ships, and praise arrive.

6. The City Is Rebuilt

Foreigners and kings participate in restoration.

7. Shame Is Reversed

The forsaken city becomes honored and joyful.

8. Peace and Righteousness Govern

Violence and destruction disappear.

9. God Becomes Everlasting Light

Sun and moon become secondary beside His glory.

10. Smallness Becomes Greatness

God fulfills His promise in His appointed time.

Key Truth

Isaiah 60 moves from darkness to everlasting light because God Himself becomes the source, purpose, and glory of Zion's restoration.

CC. FINAL APPLICATION

Isaiah 60 begins with:

> **"Arise."**

That means:

Do not stay down.

Then:

> **"Shine."**

That means:

Do not hide.

Why?

> **"Your light has come."**

Notice:

You do not create:

The light.

You receive:

The light.

That matters.

The Christian life is not:

Trying to generate glory.

It is:

Reflecting the glory of God.

Then Isaiah says:

Darkness covers:

The earth.

Deep darkness covers:

People.

Maybe that sounds like:

Our world.

Confusion.

Sin.

Fear.

Violence.

Division.

Unbelief.

But Isaiah does not stop with:

Darkness.

He says:

> **“But the Lord rises upon you.”**

Never end the sentence before:

“But the Lord.”

The darkness is real.

But:

God is greater.

Then nations begin:

Coming.

Why?

Because light:

Attracts.

A church full of:

Truth.

Love.

Holiness.

Prayer.

Grace.

Righteousness.

Compassion.

Should become visible in:

A dark world.

Not so people say:

What a wonderful people.

But:

What a wonderful God.

Then Zion lifts her eyes and sees:

People coming home.

Maybe some things have been:

Scattered.

Children.

Relationships.

Dreams.

Ministry.

Hope.

Do not assume:

Distance equals impossibility.

God knows how to:

Gather.

Then the nations bring:

Gold.

Incense.

Resources.

But the greatest thing they bring is:

Praise.

That is what God ultimately wants:

Worship.

Then Zion’s walls are:

Rebuilt.

The city becomes:

Beautiful.

Her gates remain:

Open.

Why?

Because fear no longer:

Rules.

Then those who once called Zion:

Forsaken.

Must call her:

The City of the Lord.

What a reversal.

Maybe someone has named your life:

Failure.

Forsaken.

Finished.

Empty.

Useless.

God can write:

Another name.

Then the Lord says:

You will know Me as:

Savior.

Redeemer.

Mighty One.

That is the goal of restoration.

Not merely that:

Circumstances improve.

But that:

You know God more deeply.

Then comes:

“Peace your governor.”

What governs:

You?

Fear?

Anger?

Anxiety?

Pride?

Bitterness?

Or:

Peace?

Then:

“Righteousness your ruler.”

What rules:

Your choices?

Convenience?

Desire?

Culture?

Or:

Righteousness?

Then violence disappears.

Walls become:

Salvation.

Gates become:

Praise.

Then something greater:

The Lord becomes:

Everlasting light.

That means every lesser light eventually becomes:

Unnecessary.

People can fail:

God remains.

Money can fail:

God remains.

Health can change:

God remains.

Governments change:

God remains.

Earthly success fades:

God remains.

The sun itself has a:

Sunset.

God does not.

Then:

“Your days of mourning will end.”

Do not overlook that.

There is an end to:

Mourning.

Not necessarily today.

But finally:

Yes.

God is writing a story in which sorrow does not get:

The last chapter.

Then He says:

You are:

My planting.

My workmanship.

For:

My splendor.

You are not restored merely so people see:

You.

You are restored so people see:

Him.

Then the chapter ends:

> **“The least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation.”**

Maybe you feel:

Small.

Insignificant.

Outnumbered.

Overlooked.

God says:

Do not measure the ending by:

The beginning.

Then:

“In its time I will do this swiftly.”

That is where faith rests.

Not:

My time.

His time.

Not:

My speed.

His speed.

So Isaiah 60 tells us:

Arise.

Shine.

Lift your eyes.

Expect gathering.

Worship.

Receive restoration.

Let peace govern.

Let righteousness rule.

Trust God with mourning.

Do not despise small beginnings.

And above everything:

Make the Lord:

Your everlasting light.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You that You are:

Our Light.

Our Glory.

Our Savior.

Our Redeemer.

Our Mighty One.

Father, when darkness covers:

The earth—

Help us remember:

Your glory still rises.

When we are tempted to remain:

Down—

Speak:

“Arise.”

When we are tempted to hide:

Speak:

“Shine.”

Father, let us reflect:

Your light.

Not our own.

Let our lives point:

Nations.

Neighbors.

Families.

Friends.

Toward:

You.

Father, gather what has been:

Scattered.

Restore what has been:

Broken.

Bring home what has wandered:

Far.

Give us eyes to see what You are:

Doing.

Father, take every resource You place in our hands and use it for:

Your glory.

May our gold become:

Worship.

Our influence become:

Service.

Our abundance become:

Praise.

Father, rebuild:

Broken walls.

Restore:

Ruined places.

Replace shame with:

Honor.

Replace fear with:

Security.

Replace violence with:

Peace.

Replace crookedness with:

Righteousness.

Father, govern us with:

Peace.

Rule us with:

Righteousness.

Make our walls:

Salvation.

Our gates:

Praise.

Thank You that You are the:

Everlasting Light.

When earthly lights fade:

Remain.

When people fail:

Remain.

When circumstances change:

Remain.

When the night feels long:

Remain.

Father, comfort everyone walking through:

Mourning.

Remind us that the day is coming when:

Mourning ends.

Make us:

Your planting.

The work of:

Your hands.

A display of:

Your splendor.

Do not let us despise:

Small beginnings.

Teach us to trust:

Your timing.

And when the appointed time arrives:

Do what only You can do.

Swiftly.

Powerfully.

Gloriously.

May our lives declare:

The darkness is not final.

The exile is not final.

The shame is not final.

The mourning is not final.

Because:

The Lord is our everlasting light.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Key Verse

> **"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you." — Isaiah 60:1**

Central Truth

The Lord calls restored Zion to arise and shine because His glory has come upon her; though deep darkness covers the peoples, God gathers the scattered, draws nations and kings toward His light, transforms forsakenness into honor and violence into peace, establishes righteousness and salvation, becomes His people's everlasting light, ends their mourning, and makes them the work of His hands for the display of His splendor.

Isaiah 60 in One Sentence

Isaiah calls Zion to arise and shine because the glory of the Lord has appeared over her, drawing nations and kings to her light, gathering her scattered sons and daughters, bringing worldwide worship and resources, rebuilding and beautifying the city, reversing shame and forsakenness, replacing violence with peace and righteousness, making the Lord Himself her everlasting light, ending mourning, and multiplying even the smallest until God's restored people become a glorious display of His splendor in His appointed time.