

The Lord Alone Shall Be Exalted

1. When are “the last days” referred to in verse 2? What will happen in those days? What does it mean that the mountain of the house of the Lord be raised above the hills?
2. How do the reasons given in verse 3 for why the peoples are going up to the mountain of the Lord compare to the reasons why we should go to church? What role does God’s law have in the life of Christians?
3. What actions of God are described in verse 4? What is the significance of what people will be doing to swords and pruning hooks in this verse? What is a pruning hook?
4. Are we of the house of Jacob (v. 5)? How can we “walk in the light of the Lord” (v.5)? How can we tell if we have ceased to do so?
5. Why has God abandoned or forsaken His people according to verse 6? What is the modern equivalent of soothsayers in this verse?
6. What do people today seek to fill their houses with (v. 7-8)? What kinds of idols are common today? What will be the end result of that which people idolize (v. 18, 20)?
7. Why does Isaiah ask that people referred to in verse 9 not to be forgiven? What would be required for them to be forgiven?
8. What do verses 11-17 tell us about the future of those who are proud, haughty and lofty? How do they compare with the Lord (v. 11, 17)? What might the cedars, oaks, mountains, hills, towers, walls, ships, crafts (or vessels) mentioned in verses 13-16 represent?
9. Three times in this passage (v. 10, 19, 21) the phrase “the terror of the Lord and the splendor of His majesty” occurs. What is the connection between the “terror” and “His majesty”? What will they cause most people to do? Why? What would be a better way for them to be ready for this? What is meant by the Lord “shaking the earth” (v. 19, 21)?
10. Who should we esteem rather than men (v.22)? Why?