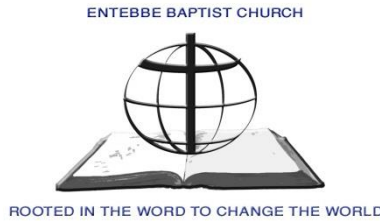


**Our Vision:** To be a growing, loving, caring and holistic church based on the word of God.



**Our Mission:** To be rooted in the Word to change the World

## **Bible Study July [05<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>] 2021**

**Theme of the year:** “Victory only through Faith and Obedience”

**THEME:** **TRUST** *and wait on* **GOD’S SALVATION**

They that trust in the Lord shall never be confounded [Confused] – **George Muller**

**PURPOSE:** Understand why we need to trust God even when life seems to contradict God’s promises

### **1. Read Isaiah Chapter 51**

The chapter begins with “listen” [NIV] or “hearken” [KJV+], which in the original Hebrew text is *shâma’*, (pronounced as *shaw-mah’*) meaning to “*hear intelligently*”.

- a. Why do you think it is important to listen to God? See Jeremiah 7:24, Zechariah 7:13, Luke 11:22, Matthew 7:24, Revelation 3:20, Romans 10:17, Matthew 4:4
  - b. How many times is Isaiah compelling people to *listen* or *hearken* in this chapter?
  - c. Do you think that we also sometimes have trouble listening to God?
    - i. Does that affect our trust in God in some way?
  - d. What counsel is God giving to His People in verses **1-3**?
  - e. How does the Lord’s past faithfulness encourage you the *called*, and *elected* of God?
  - f. What lessons do we learn from Abraham [Genesis 15:6] and Sarah [Hebrews 11:11] in this season?
  - g. What other characters in the Bible encourage you and gives you faith to trust in God? How does verse **3** encourage you as a child beloved of God?
2. What highlights do we need not to doubt in verses **4-6**?
- a. How can we be encouraged by the God’s righteousness and salvation in this season? See also Psalm 37:39, Psalm 62:1-2, Psalm 40:10, Psalm 103:6, Isaiah 56:1
  - b. What does verse **6** remind us about the second coming of Christ? See also Revelation 6:12-17, Matthew 24:35 , II Peter 3:7-10
3. Why should we fear God and not men even when they insult us about our faith? See verses **7-8, 12** and Matthew 10:28, Psalm 27:1, II Chronicles 20:17 then verses **22-25**.
- a. What do verses **7-8** remind us to focus?
  - b. In verses **12-13**, God’s people seemed to fear Babylon, than acknowledging the greatness of God’s power.

....continuation to page 2

- i. What are those areas of our lives do we continually fear in this season, that we are supposed to embrace with the greatness of God's power?
4. **Awake! Awake!** What do you think should be the basis of awaking our faith to the power and greatness of our God in this season? See verses **9-16**. Note that in reality it is not the Lord to awake it is you and I. See Psalm 121:3-4, Isaiah 50:7.
    - a. In what ways do we forget God in challenging times? See also Jeremiah 3:21-22
    - b. What does the author mean by the "Arm of the Lord" in verse **9**?
    - c. Why do we also need to be spiritually awake as children of God in the last days? See Romans 13:11-12
    - d. How do we stay spiritually awake according to Romans 13:12-14?
  5. In verse **16** God spoke to Israel, but His word was to be fulfilled by His servant. This draws us to the aspect of "**Inspiration**", whereby God himself uses a human channel to communicate to His people.
    - a. Why is the "Rhema" spoken word from God very significant for this season and in the days to come? Read Isaiah 50:4-5, Luke 21:15, I Corinthians 2:13, II Chronicles 24:20, Ezekiel 3:17, II Kings 3:11-13 then 17:13.
  6. How does the Lord describe Himself in verses **12, 15, 22**?
    - a. Knowing that the Lord comforts, how often have you called Him to comfort you or others in affliction?
    - b. In what ways does the Lord comfort? See verse 3, 12 and Psalm 119:50, Isaiah 66:13, Zechariah 1:13, John 14:16, Romans 15:4.
  7. What have you done in this season to awaken your faith as you call upon the Lord?
    - a. Otherwise, how did the Covid-Pandemic awaken your faith?
  8. What lessons have you learned from the Bible study that you can apply in the next coming days?

## Prayer

Our heavenly Father, instruct our tongues by the Holy Spirit to speak the words that encourage, comfort and sustains the weary in this season. Awaken our ears morning-by-morning and day by day to listen to your voice. **Amen** [Isaiah 50:4-5]

**Scripture Memorization:**

**Isaiah 51:12**

**-END**