Discussion Questions for Isaiah 1 - 4:1

- Observe how God described the people of Judah and Jerusalem in 1:1–31. What do these names tell you about their relationship to Him and about how He regarded them?
- Why was the Lord not pleased with His people even though they were obeying His laws of worship (see 1:11–17)?
- How might 1:11–17 be relevant to Christian worshippers?
- How had the people of Judah sinned against their Lord and Father?
- What were the consequences of persistent rebellion (see 1:5–6, 7–8, 15)?
- Obviously, God doesn't always grant our requests. But does He ever refuse to hear a Christian's prayer (see 1:15)? Does He refuse to hear unbelievers' prayers? (See New Testament cross-references, such as 1 Peter 3:7–12.)
- What two alternatives did the Lord put before the people (see 1:18–20, 27–28)?
- What will God do for many peoples when they come to Him (see 2:3–4)?
- What will be the result when all people acknowledge the Lord as their Teacher and rightful Judge (see 2:4)?
- What will men do when the Lord humiliates them (see 2:10, 17–20)?
- Whom does God blame primarily for His people's depravity (see 3:13–15)?
- In chapter 3, the Lord portrays the way He will humble His people by taking away all sources of support. Write down as many lost supports as you can find in 3:1–7 and 3:16–4:1.
- Is there a lesson in 3:16–4:1 for modern women? If so, what might it be?