



From darkness to dawn...

Isaiah 40-66

#16 Your heart's desire

Readings: Isaiah 65:17-66:24

1. Living in the presence of greatness.

(a) God cannot be boxed (v1-2)

(b) Self-made worship (v3)

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship." *Romans 12:1 NIV*

"I have written you quite boldly on some points, as if to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit." *Romans 15:15-16 NIV*

(c) God-honouring worship.

(d) The enormous patience of God has a limit (2 Peter 3)

"But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness."

2 Peter 3:8-13 NIV

2. Your heart's desire

(a) Paradise (17-19, 25)

(b) The fountain of youth (20)

(c) Complete security of lifestyle (21-22)

(d) Deeply satisfying work (22-23)

(e) A delight and a joy (19,24)

**Keep your eyes fixed on our Lord and Saviour,
Jesus Christ, as you look forward to
the new heavens and the new earth!**