

# Consequence and Comfort

Series: Christmas Through the Eyes of the Prophet Isaiah  
Jeremiah 2:17, Isaiah 40:1-2, Isaiah 35:10

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## **Consequence**

We think we can sidestep the consequences of our actions, but we cannot. We deceive ourselves. We think religious practices will save us. We think wealth or prestige will protect us. But we are held accountable. We usually respond to punishment with denial, blame on others, anger, depression, and despair.

## **Comfort**

In the darkest hour of our misery, our guilt, and our pain, when we experience the consequences of our sins and the sins of others, we angrily blame others, refuse comfort, and deny new, creative possibilities. We think all is lost.