



God's complete moral perfection is revealed by His hatred of all sin, and this leads to judgment. This same moral perfection is revealed in His love for all He has created. This leads to mercy for those who have sinned but who have sincerely loved Jesus and put their trust in Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read & meditate on [Isaiah 35:1-10](#). Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important to you. Why are they important to you?
2. What do you think it means when it says “³ [Strengthen the weak hands...](#)”? What are some ways you can strengthen those who are weak? At church? Home? Work? In the market?
3. What do you think it means when it says “³ [...steady the shaking knees!](#)”? How can we support those who fall? At church? Home? Work? In the market? How could understanding [Romans 3:23](#) help you?
4. What do you think [Isaiah 35:4](#) means? Can you think of a situation someone could be in that is so hopeless that God could not possibly help them?
5. How can you speak encouragement to those who are troubled? Should you “sugar coat” your encouragement or give genuine, honest words of encouragement based upon faith in God's power and in His word?

MOVING FORWARD

As a Christ follower, Jesus has given us the gift of Joy everlasting. Yet, this is not a gift to be hoarded, but a gift to be shared. Are you willing to strengthen those who are weak, support those who fall, and speak encouragement to those who are troubled? Pray and ask God for His strength, wisdom, and compassion to reach out to those within your sphere of influence.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

⁴ [Say to the cowardly: “Be strong; do not fear! Here is your God; vengeance is coming. God's retribution is coming; He will save you.”](#) [Isaiah 35:4](#)