

ISAIAH

The Holy One of Israel

God's Judgment and Grace for the World: "We Have a Strong City"

The Final End : The Empty Earth & Our Righteous God

Isaiah 24

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty God, You are the Righteous One. You are the Holy One of Israel. You alone are glorious and worthy of our beholding. Thank you Lord! Thank you for allowing us to see your glory, to give you glory, to praise your glory. Glory to God in the Highest! Lord, we confess our sin this morning. We have defiled the earth which is under our care and which is to display your glory. Lord, we confess we have transgressed your laws, we have violated your statutes, we have broken your everlasting covenant. Because of these we know all too well the terror and brokenness and destruction and suffering and languishing of sin's curse. Our hearts are empty and we are in need of a righteousness and glory which we can't find in ourselves. Lord, turn us from our own attempts to escape this curse and grant us to behold this cross this morning. His righteousness!! His glory!! O cause faith and repentance, joy and hope to spring up in these passive, calloused hearts that we may turn from trusting the empty glory which this world promises and see His glory, "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" Amen.

Central Textual Truth

Isaiah wanted God's people to behold the waste of the earth & God's glory in it.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to behold the waste of the earth & the glory of God in Christ.

OUTLINE

1. Behold the Earth's Destruction! (vv. 1-13)
 - A. The Certainty of the Destruction (vv. 1-3)
 - B. The Reason for the Destruction (vv. 4-6)
 - C. The Sorrow from the Destruction (vv. 7-13)
2. Behold the Earth's Reaction! (vv. 14-23)
 - A. The Righteous Reaction (vv. 14-16)
 - B. The Wicked Reaction (vv. 17-20)
 - C. The Hosts Reaction (vv. 21-23)