

Sunday, June 16, 2019

God is My Salvation – Isaiah

35. The Potter and the Clay – [Isaiah 29:1-24](#)

- I. Jerusalem Judged – [vs. 1-4](#)
 - A. Jerusalem – Ariel
 1. Lioness of God, or Yahweh is My Lion
 2. Lions on Solomon’s Throne
 3. Lions = Judgment – [2 Kings 17:24-29, 33; Prov. 19:12; Jer. 2:30; 12:7-8](#)
 - B. Life Goes On, but Judgment is Coming
 1. The City will Fall, but My Promise will not Fail – [Isa. 5:29; 11:6-7](#)
 2. Babylon is the tool, it is God Who is Acting
 3. From Arrogance to Humiliation – once full of scorn now only whispers from the depths – as though the dead speak
- II. Justice Upon the Judgers – [vs. 5-8](#)
 - A. The Oppressors will be Severely Judged
 - B. The Sound of Judgment – [Rev. 8:5; Psa. 18:13-15](#)
 - C. A Dream, a Nightmare
 1. Vanish when you awake
 2. The Enemy will remain unsatisfied – his soul empty, his soul craving
 3. He dreams of conquering (consuming) but will awake to reality and be consumed
- III. Why Judgment is Coming – [vs. 9-14](#)
 - A. Speechless Amazement
 1. Under Ahaz – general apostasy and turning from God
 2. Under Hezekiah – revival, but only outwardly
 - B. Choosing to be Blind (so Isaiah commands them to keep doing what they want to be doing)
 1. The people pursued sin so God gave them over to it
 2. “When He sees that by a wicked and depraved hatred of the truth we of our own accord wish for darkness, He deprives us of all light.” – Calvin
 - C. A Deep Sleep from the Lord
 1. The people and their leaders can’t see – the blind lead the blind – [Luke 6:39](#)
 2. The Prophets eyes have been closed
 3. The Rulers (Seers) have their eyes covered
 4. The Message is Clear
 - a. But the Book is sealed and the people are illiterate
 - b. No one paid attention, and if they had, none would understand
 - c. To the learned and wise of the world the Word of God is foolish and meaningless
 - D. Consumeristic Worship
 1. Worship is external
 2. Saying the right things, but pretending
 - a. Manipulation – worship to get, not give
 - b. Personal preference – pleasing self not God
 - c. By a command of men – learned behavior – going through the motions
 3. The Need
 - a. New Hearts – [Jer. 24:7](#)
 - b. New Covenant – [Jer. 31:31-34](#)
 - c. New Worship – [John 4:23-24](#) (spirit – internal, truth – external)
 - E. The Result – in the crisis, no one knows the way out

- IV. Deliverance Will Come – [vs. 15-21](#)
 - A. The Height of Folly – thinking we can hide from God – [Job 34:21-22](#); [Psa. 139:12](#); [Jer. 23:24](#)
 - B. Oh, the Perversity! – [Isa. 64:8](#); [Rom. 9:19-24](#)
 - 1. Will you, the clay, think yourself to be the Potter?
 - 2. We are made and God made us
 - 3. Upside down thinking, perverseness, to think otherwise
 - C. The Hope of Deliverance – IN THE HOLY ONE – [Isa. 61:1-3](#); [Luke 4:18](#)
 - 1. The barren land will be fruitful
 - 2. The deaf will hear the words of the Book
 - 3. The blind will see the light
 - 4. The humble will have joy
 - 5. The poor will rejoice
 - D. Tyranny will end
 - 1. Scoffers will be consumed
 - 2. Those who look for iniquity will be cut off
 - a. They persuade men to sin
 - b. They deceive and set traps
 - c. They subvert
- V. Hallow His Name – [vs. 22-24](#) – [Gal. 3:6-9](#)
 - A. God has Redeemed Abraham
 - B. Jacob will not be Ashamed
 - C. They will Fear God and Hallow His Name