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God is My Salvation – Isaiah

37. Waiting Grace – [Isaiah 30:1-33](#)

Introduction: Human faithlessness cannot undo God's faithfulness. This is the 4th Woe and reflects chapter 28, warning that there is no other foundation than the Lord. The attempted alliance with Egypt and the oncoming assault of Assyria will end as the people see that Egypt is no help and Assyria is no threat.

- I. Planning without Divine Direction – [vs. 1-7](#)
 - A. Rebellious, Obstinate Children (vs. 1)
 1. Rebellion = action without authorization
 2. They devise plans – they are bent on making plans for themselves
 3. They add sin upon sin – [Prov. 3:5-6](#); [James 4:17](#); [Rom. 14:23](#); [Rom. 1:28-32](#)
 - a. Acting without Divine prompting
 - b. Seeking plans (alliance, covering) other than from the Spirit
 - c. A willingness to do what is known to be wrong
 - B. Trusting Egypt (vs. 2-5)
 1. Going to Egypt without consulting Me
 2. Seeking safety in the shadow of the enslaving, genocidal king – [Exodus 1:22](#)
 3. They will find only shame and disgrace, hope disappointed
 4. From the feared killer (Assyria) they seek help from the proven killer (Egypt)
 - C. This is Useless (vs. 6-7)
 1. Not trusting the Lord always ends badly
 2. Wasted effort and expense
 3. A reversal of the Exodus
 4. Egypt, futile and empty, no help – Rahab-Hem-Shebeth (boastful do nothings)
- II. Refusing to Hear God's Word – [vs. 8-17](#)
 - A. Record the Cause (vs. 8-11)
 1. A fundamental refusal to hear the Lord's Word
 2. They were not willing to listen and would not hear
 3. Seers, do not See; Prophets, do not preach
 - a. Speak flattering words to us, lie to us! – [2 Peter 2:1-3](#); [2 Tim. 4:1-4](#)
 - b. Get out of the way – show us another way, turn aside to a different path
 - c. Don't talk to us about the Holy One! Give us a false god!
 - B. Thus Says the Holy One (vs. 12-17)
 1. They cannot escape Him or His Word
 2. Despise = reject, spurn
 3. Trust oppression (that which causes injury) and perversity (that which turns aside and twists)
 4. New Morality! – “To refuse the Lord as He has revealed Himself is to worship a perversion.” – Motyer
 5. Two illustrations
 - a. A wall collapsing under its own weight (corruption from within)
 - b. A pot smashed by an external force (judgement from without)
 6. The Word they rejected: Return (repent), Rest, Be Saved and find Strength
 7. When we refuse the way of faith whatever we choose turns against us – we are swift, the enemy swifter – [Lev. 26:8](#) reversed, [Deut. 32:30](#) fulfilled

- III. God's Grace Waits – [vs. 18-26](#) – God's purposes cannot be frustrated by our unfaithfulness
- A. Ultimately Yahweh Will Wait (vs. 18)
1. He will judge, but He will not forsake His purposes of grace
 2. He will wait in order to show grace (His sovereign determination to bless the undeserving)
 3. He will rise to show compassion (mercy, deep love)
 4. He is just – making exactly the right decision at exactly the right time
 5. Wait on Him – patient confidence – [Psa. 27:14; 37:9, 34; Isa. 40:31; Lam. 3:26; Zeph. 3:8](#)
- B. Zion – the Messianic Promises Fulfilled (vs. 19-26)
1. No more tears – [Isa. 25:8; Rev. 7:17; 21:4](#)
 2. You had adversity as your bread and affliction as your drink
 3. The Teacher – Law Giver
 4. Now you have ears to hear and eyes to see
 5. Saying “Get Away” to idols instead of to God's Word ([see vs. 11](#))
 6. Sin put constraints on productivity and fruitfulness – [Gen. 3:17-19](#)
 7. Sin ends and bounty returns – [Amos 9:13-15](#)
 8. The Day of Slaughter vs. the Day of Healing
 9. Creation restored, delivered from the bondage of corruption – [Rom. 8:21](#)
- IV. The Lord's Voice Will Be Heard – [vs. 27-33](#)
- A. Divine Action – the nations shaken (vs. 27-28)
- B. Judah's Song of Rejoicing (vs. 29-30) - Jerusalem Will Not Fall to Assyria
- C. Divine Action – the overthrow of Assyria (vs. 31-33)
1. Breath, Voice = God's Word shatters Assyria
 2. Tophet – the place of burning disgrace
 3. Assyria's march against Jerusalem was their funeral procession