

“The I (Eye) Problem”

Isaiah 30

Looking to the “Eye” V. 1-7

Judah was looking to Egypt, the Eye of Osiris, for protection. This is a slap in the face to God and in direct disobedience to God. **Deuteronomy 17:14-20**

Ahaz chose his own path, alliance and decision rather than God’s. This was Judah’s weakness and the sin they continued to fall into. **Hebrews 12:1-2**

Judah sought the protective shade, shelter and shadow of Egypt rather than God.

Psalm 121

Egypt looks good but it is empty and self-serving. They take and give back only pain, shame and disgrace. “Rahab” is a poetical name for Egypt who prostitutes services for self-gain. **Psalm 89:8-10**

The “I” Removed V. 8-18

Rebellion – Opposition to authority. Judah was opposed to God, His prophets and mostly to the message of repentance and accountability. **2 Timothy 4:1-5**

Isaiah immediately communicates what the Holy One of Israel says. You will be like a fail wall or a shattered pot. Rebellion leads to utter destruction (lack of growth and powerless in time of crisis). **1 Samuel 12:14-16**

Repentance and Rest V. 15-18 – Repentance brings salvation and rest brings strength. You cannot have one without the other. Instead they have chosen to run.

When problems arise we can...

1. Endure it – Rely on self then the problems have power over us.
2. Escape it – Run, then we escape from the love and provision of God.
3. Enlist it – Face them, learn and grow through them. **Romans 8:18-28**

His “I” Restored V. 19-33

“I Am” – God is...Everything! **Exodus 3:13-14**

I am the spiritual regenerator V.19-22 – God will be the spiritual teacher and we the willing student. **John 14:25-31**

I am the provider of physical blessing V.23-26 – God will provide for ALL our needs.

Philippians 4:14-20

I am the victorious warrior V.27-33 – God’s wrath and power will be turned to the ungodly in battle and final judgment. **Revelation 20:7-15**

Application

Discussion Questions

What draws your hopeful attention away from God?

How can you reduce rebellion in your life?

What has God provided for you (be specific)?

Homework

Read *Isaiah Ch. 31*

Answer the following questions:

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

Actively seek out repentance and rest by restoring who God is in your life.