

Series: Isaiah

Title: Acknowledge My Might

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Isaiah 33: 13: Hear, ye [that are] far off, what I have done; and, ye [that are] near, acknowledge my might.

Have you heard what the Lord has done? Do you acknowledge God's might?

Isaiah 33: 14: The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites.

"Sinners in Zion are afraid"--"Fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites"--hypocrites means actor.

These were those in Jerusalem who had a form of godliness.

- They drew near with their mouths
- Went to a building
- Sacrificed and prayed
- But their heart was far from God.

They had heard with the natural ear what the Lord had done, but they had never in the heart acknowledged the power of God to save.

There is no difference between Jew and Gentile.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;...5:12 Wherefore, as by one man

sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Isaiah 33: 14:...Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

This was the cry in Jerusalem when the king of Assyria came upon them. To them the king of Assyria was the fire. They thought he was the one responsible for everlasting burnings. How many people there are who think Satan is the power and the fire they are worried about? No. The king of Assyria was not the fire they had to worry about. He was only a rod in God's hand.

The Lord is the Fire that tries. Who shall abide with the devouring Fire of God Almighty

- Is 9: 5-6;
- Is 10: 15-23
- 1 Cor 2: 10-13
- 1 Pet 1: 5-7
- Rev 3: 18

Mal 3: 1: Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. 2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he [is] like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: 3 And he shall sit [as] a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in

righteousness. 4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

Hebrews 12: 26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. 27 And this [word], Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: 29 For our God [is] a consuming fire.”

Now he has asks the question-- **Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?** Next, he gives the answer.

Isaiah 33: 15: He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; 16 He shall dwell on high: his place of defence [shall be] the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters [shall be] sure.

Are you thinking of yourself? I have walked righteously, spoken uprightly and so on. Remember who the LORD God began telling us to focus our attention on:

(v13: Hear, ye [that are] far off, what I have done; and, ye [that are] near, acknowledge my might.)

We are focusing our attention on what God has done in his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who at this time was yet to come, but who now has come. **He was tried in the fire under God's holy law.**

- The only Man who walked righteously and spoke uprightly is Christ Jesus the Son of God.
- **He was tried by Satan** just as the king of Assyria tried Hezekiah, but Christ despised and continues to despise the gain of oppressions.
- **Satan offered him a bribe--**He would not and will not shake hands with those who offer bribes.
- **He stoppeth his ears from hearing of bloods--from hearing schemes to shed innocent blood for gain**
- **He shutteth his eyes from seeing of evil**

Isaiah 33: 16: Christ the Lord dwells on high.--Christ is "the place of defence" to his people,

- against avenging justice,
- the curse and condemnation of the law,
- the wrath of God,
- sin and all its consequences,
- Satan and all enemies:
- Christ is "the munitions of rocks"--"the Rock" himself

By faith in Christ this is true of all his saints! Established the whole law of God by faith. And this is the heart made new by the Spirit of God.

- Hezekiah did all these things one way:
- When God turned him from himself and every other refuge to the Lord who saved him.
- Hezekiah had his heart and the eye of faith lifted from this earth to above.

Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings

Only those who are in Christ by Father's drawing, keeping, predestinating hand of grace. Only those who rest in him by faith, trusting him to do as he says he will. When he turns us to look up to him: To such a believer God promises:

Isaiah 33: 16:....bread shall be given him; his waters [shall be] sure.

This bread and this water--is Christ our Life. Eternal life is sure life. Hezekiah had life restored to him when God the Father turned him from himself to the Lord.

Isaiah 33: 17: Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.

(Look back to v5) Did Hezekiah see King Jesus while his eyes were on earthly things? But when he was turned he saw. He saw what Abraham saw in his day. He saw a city whose maker and builder is God.

As the Lord delivered his remnant out of the midst of his wordly land--lifting there eyes in faith--he made them to look far beyond to that day when he would finally deliver them even as he had delivered them from all these nations in Hezekiah's day. So he directs our eyes. Amen!