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Bruce
Could you sent the notes for last Sunday A M?
Thanks
Pete

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"Though the Eye of Sinful Man Thy Glory May Not See"
John 12:37-41

Unbelief blind to Christ's Glory

I. Unbelief: Comprehended in God's Plan

vv. 37-38

(1) **The Tragedy of Unbelief** *"But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him."*
- The greatest possible appeal; the brightest light imaginable
- Yet, no response of faith!

(2) **The Scripture Fulfilled!** Is. 53:1 *"But the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?"*
- This stunning display of unbelief prophesied!
- The arm of the LORD would be revealed!
- But very few would believe!

-2- God's saving plan for the world is neither defeated nor undone!
- God doesn't merely "see the future" – He controls the future!
- His purposes are not frustrated by the evil of men. They are accomplished.

2. Unbelief: A Punishment of God Is. 6:9-10

vv. 39-41

(1) **Inability to Believe**
- a divine punishment for sin
- Divine sovereignty strongly emphasized

"Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them."

(2) Judicial Hardening

-1- **The material cause: the sin of the human heart**
- This is the beginning point, the material God confronts.
How shall He address sinful men?
What shall He do with such men?

-2- **The instrumental cause: God "giving over"** *"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts"*
- He abandons sinful men to themselves, to their sin, and to their sinful preferences – He gives them over – cf. Rom. 1

-3- **The result:** Whatever God gives them to see and hear can no longer lead to salvation!

(3) The Only "Lens" through which these truths can be properly viewed! (41)

"These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him."

- The "lens of faith" - Isaiah believed on Christ and saw His glory

Further Application