

Sunday, July 7, 2019

God is My Salvation – Isaiah

38. Defended and Delivered – [Isaiah 31:1-9](#)

- I. The Folly of Choosing Egypt – [vs. 1-3](#)
 - A. The Verbs – go down, rely, trust, look, seek
 1. Look – not looking for what God can give, just looking to the Lord (cultivating His presence) – [Psa. 16:11; 31:20; Acts 3:19](#)
 2. The Holy One of Israel has made Himself near and available
 3. He has long since proved His sovereignty over Egypt
 - B. Trusting Worldly Security - horses, chariots, military might, trained soldiers – [Exodus 14:6, 9; Deut. 7:16](#)
 - C. These Things Never Change
 1. God is wise (vs the Egyptians)
 2. God brings disaster – [Amos 3:7; Deut. 8:2-4](#) (quote 1)
 3. God’s Word does not change (He does not take it back)
 4. God is the enemy of the evildoer and his helper
 - D. The Egyptians are Human, not God
 1. Flesh – needs life – [Isa. 40:6](#)
 2. Spirit – is life – [Isa. 42:5](#)
 3. The Lord is sovereign, not merely positionally, but practically
 4. The Lord’s omnipotence is not theory but reality
 5. He Stretches out His hand – a mere move of His hand is enough – one divine touch reduces Egypt and Judah to nothing
- II. God’s Complete Deliverance – [vs. 4-5](#)
 - A. The Lion Defending His Prey
 - B. The Birds Flying All Around
 - C. Complete, Sufficient Help on All Sides – shield, deliver, pass over, rescue (quote 2)
- III. Repent or Perish – [vs. 6-7](#)
 - A. The People Have Deeply Revolted – [Jeremiah 5:18-31](#)
 - B. The Call to Repent
 1. Based on the certainty of that day (quote 3)
 2. God will act and the only preparation is a believing repentance – [Luke 13:1-5](#)
 - C. Before It Is Too Late
 1. That day will be too late to reject in disgust what they have so long cultivated – sin!
 2. Biblical faith seeks to be ready not to surmount the next crisis, but to stand before God
- IV. God Will Banish Assyria – [vs. 8-9](#)
 - A. The Immediate Crisis – Assyria
 1. Will fall, but not by men
 2. Will flee into captivity
 - B. God Passes Over, Assyria Passes Away
 1. Assyria’s rock (stronghold) will pass away, but Israel’s Rock will Stand – [Isa. 30:29](#)
 2. Assyria’s princes will be shattered
 3. The fire and furnace of God - Zion is indwelt by the God of fiery holiness, when Assyria attacks they will bring themselves to that same holy fire and cannot withstand it – [Malachi 3:2](#)

In chapter 32: God has in mind a marvelous work to deal with the spiritual problems of closed eyes and ears and undiscerning hearts. A righteous King and a Spirit outpoured.

Quote 1 – “If the people see the dreaded Assyrians on the march, the Lord is in it in all His wisdom, and the way of trust and obedience will carry them through.” – Motyer

Quote 2 – “Against the lack of wisdom of Judah, the pretenses of Egypt, and the threats of Assyria, the hovering God will prove His sovereign strength.” – Motyer

Quote 3 – “Isaiah’s awareness that the days leading up to the Assyrian invasion would constitute the spiritual point of no return of which he was warned at the time of his call. The element of appeal here may well reflect the urgency of his ministry at this period. At a deeper level it reminds us, like the ministry of John the Baptist, that penitence and hearing the Word of the Lord constitute the only true preparation for the coming and eschatological acts of God.” – Motyer