

Standing on the Promises of God

Isaiah 7-10

Main Idea

God is trustworthy and promises to be with his people no matter what they face.

Overview

- **Will You Trust the Promises of God?**
 - King Ahaz and the people of Judah are being attacked by Syria & N. Israel
 - God, through the prophet Isaiah, tells Ahaz not to worry
 - The threat will come to nothing
 - These nations are headed by mere men
 - Judah is headed by David's Son – to whom God has promised to sustain (cf. 2 Samuel 7:13-15)
 - Ahaz and the people will only be as strong as the object in which they place their faith
 - Live by faith in the Lord or don't live at all
 - God provides two signs to show the immediate threat is not a threat at all
 - Before a child conceived at that time knows how to choose good/evil the two nations will cease to exist (7:16)
 - Isaiah will have a baby boy, and before that child knows how to say "Mommy" or "Daddy" the threat will be no more (8:1-3)
- **Judgment Comes to Those Who Refuse to Trust God**
 - Ahaz refuses to trust the Lord or accept a sign from the Lord
 - 2 Kings 16 & 2 Chronicles 28 show that Ahaz did not want to trust the Lord because he was trusting in Assyria
 - Because Ahaz and the people refuse to trust, judgment comes upon them – from the very people they turn to for help
 - 7:17-7:25 shows the judgment on Judah
 - 8:5-8 also describes the judgment against Judah
 - 9:8-10:19 show how the other nations are judged for their unfaithfulness
- **Glorious Hope Awaits Those Who Trust God**
 - Isaiah and a small remnant trust the Lord
 - They trust the Lord and treasure his word and hope in him
 - Though there is darkness, judgment and gloom, there will be a day of light and rejoicing
 - 9:1 – All peoples will receive the promises of God
 - 9:2 – A great light is coming
 - 9:3 – The once small remnant will grow and rejoice
 - 9:4 – God will liberate his people from slavery using an unlikely hero and unlikely method
 - 9:5 – Instead of war and fighting there will be peace and flourishing
 - All of this will come about through a child – the same child promised back in 7:14

Questions

Discussion Starter: What are some common things we trust in to help us in our times of need? Why is it hard, at times, to trust the Lord?

1. Read Isaiah 7:1-8:11. Summarize the situation Ahaz and the people of Judah find themselves in. What promises does God make to them? Given their past, why should they trust God?
2. Read 2 Kings 16. What does this tell you about Ahaz? Why does he refuse to trust God?

3. How have you experience “saviors” other than the Lord letting you down?
4. Read 8:11-17. Describe the difference between Isaiah/the remnant and Ahaz/the people?
5. Do you agree that trusting God and treasuring his word are inseparable? Does your life show this?
6. Read Isaiah 9:1-7. Describe the various promises you see in this text. Discuss how Jesus fulfills each promise.

Accountability: *How does this passage of Scripture increase your love for God? Are there specific convictions and/or encouragements brought to life by this passage?*