

I. The Lord tells us the way to life

Rom 15:14; I Cor 10:6-13;
Isa 39:5-6; 40:1; 28:1;
29:1,15; 30:1-2,9

A. Look who's talking

Acts 19:9; Gen 3:1;
Luke 12:16-21;
Isa 55:10-11; 66:2;
I John 3:19

B. In repentance and rest is our salvation, in quietness and trust is our strength

Mk3:2; Matt 4:17;
Acts 2:36-38; Acts 17:30-31;
Luke 15:11ff; Job 3:26;
Matt 11:28-30; James 1:21;
Prov 17:1; Luke 4:35;
Mk 4:39; I Pet 3:4;
Ps 137:2; II Kings 11:20;

II. Problems come when we refuse to listen

A. When we say "No"

B. We form another plan

C. Our plans lead to bad outcomes

Prov 14:12; 21:30

III. The Lord longs to be gracious to us

Ps 11:7

A. He can be gracious when we cry out to Him

B. Then He will guide and bless us

Matt 11:28-30; Ps 18:3

¹⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says:

"In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength,
but you would have none of it.

¹⁶ You said, 'No, we will flee on horses.'
Therefore you will flee!
You said, 'We will ride off on swift horses.'
Therefore your pursuers will be swift!

¹⁷ A thousand will flee
at the threat of one;
at the threat of five
you will all flee away,
till you are left
like a flagstaff on a mountaintop,
like a banner on a hill."

¹⁸ Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;
he rises to show you compassion.
For the LORD is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him!

Care Group Questions

“Not of this Whirled”

Isaiah 30:15-18

Pastor Dave Bechtel

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1. Are you planning on attending the parents' event this week? Have you seen the effects of media and technology in your own family? If so, how?
2. Ever had an encounter with an obstinate, rebellious child? If so, can you share the story? How did you feel about the way the child was behaving?
3. The Lord addresses His people as obstinate children (Isaiah 30:1). What characteristics make the Israelites like such children?
4. What is the significance of the titles for God Isaiah uses at the beginning of verse 15? What does he hope will be our response to those titles and the words that follow?
5. Can you explain the “six big words” in the first part of the Lord's statement in verse 15? What does each of them mean?
6. If our strength is in quietness and trust (God dependence), how does that contrast with what the world portrays as strength?
7. What was the problem with the first word of the “answer” of the Israelites (16)? What does that word reveal about their spirit?
8. What was the plan to take care of themselves that the Israelites had? What might be some plans, unapproved by the Lord, that we could make to take care of situations we get into?
9. What were the “promised outcomes” of the Israelites' plans (16-17)? What similar outcomes apply to us when we carry out plans that are not the Lord's?
10. “The Lord longs to be gracious to us.” In our verses, what keeps Him from being gracious to us? Why would that stop Him?
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