

The Gospel According to Isaiah: Trusting God in Difficult Times

Text: Isaiah 7:1-16

Context - Isaiah prophesied in the Southern Kingdom of Judah between 740-681 B.C. This passage has been dated to 735 B.C. during the rule of Ahaz, king of Judah. Even though Ahaz was in the promised messiah line of King David, he was the most evil king in Judah's history. He had led Judah into idol worship and had even sacrificed his own son to an idol (2 Kings 16:3).

Main Idea - God's plans are never thwarted by the evils of our world, and He desires to calm us and lead us through times of difficulty.

To trust God in difficult times...

1. _____ firm in your faith (vs. 1-9)

- A. God is always aware of the situation and your current location. He will get His message to you one way or another. For Ahaz, God sent Isaiah. (vs. 3)
- B. If God wanted to help wicked king Ahaz not to fear, how much more does he want his child not to fear? (vs. 4)
- C. No matter the situation, God has wisdom for you in His Word. (vs. 7-9)

2. _____ God's revelation (vs. 10-13)

- A. God desires for us to seek wisdom from Him in difficult times. He will not turn us away when we seek him for guidance (James 1:5, Proverbs 3:5-6). (vs. 11)
- B. We weary God and others when we neglect to seek Him. (vs. 13)

3. _____ the promises of God (vs. 14-16)

- A. God gave Ahaz the same sign he has given the world – a Virgin born son of promise. (vs. 14)
- B. The name of this child is Immanuel - "God with us" (vs. 14)
- C. When he is present – all that brings us fear flees. (vs. 16)