

Apply The Word

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Message Info

Title:

The Lord Over All

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Isaiah 29

Theme: Yield to the Lord and he will deliver you.

Introduction: Understanding right-of-way is a vital concept for driving safely and successfully. We must know when to yield; and that applies to other areas of our life as well. Yielding to the Lord is an even more important truth to understand. Isaiah calls out Jerusalem in this chapter for their rebellion against God and the falseness of their religion. Their worship was false, and the Lord would judge and punish them for despising him. Yet even here he is at work to save his people.

Isaiah presents 3 truths about God that can help us to yield gladly to him. He is:

1. The victorious Lord (1-8)

The Lord pronounces a woe against *Ariel*—that is, Jerusalem. They will be judged for their false worship.

He presents himself as the agent of judgment, not even mentioning the Assyrians.

He will come to distress those who worship him falsely.

But he will also judge Jerusalem's enemies. Those who punish them will themselves be punished for their own wickedness as the Lord works to redeem his people.

2. The hidden Lord (9-14)

Isaiah shows his exasperation with the people for their resistance to God and his word. They are ignorant and unresponsive.

If we would love the Lord and live well in his world, we must love and study his Word. He has revealed himself to us in his word and one sign of the work of the Spirit in our lives is that we love the Word of God.

3. The sovereign Lord (15-24)

Next, Isaiah addresses those who think they can outsmart the Lord. They think that their rebellion can somehow be hidden from him.

But God turns the tables on them. He exposes the folly of their rebellion and he promises to work to save some of those who had previously rebelled against him. The cross demonstrates conclusively that God's sovereign purposes always prevail for the good of his people, and that we can and must trust in him, always.

Questions:

1. Are you yielding to the Lord? Are there any areas where you resist surrendering to and trusting in him?

2. Do you love God's word? How would you like to grow in your study of Scripture?

3. Do you resent God and his ways?