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Message Info

Title:

Wait for the One Who
Waits for You

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Isaiah 30

Theme: Return and wait on the Lord because the Lord waits to be gracious to you.

Introduction: Waiting is a regular part of life. We can spend a great deal of time waiting for something to happen, whether eagerly or with dread. But there is One who waits more than any of us. The Lord always waits for the right time to accomplish his purposes, and he is always timely—never early, never late.

Isaiah 30 presents 3 truths about how God responded to the rebellion of Judah:

1. The foolishness of rebellion (1-7)

Judah knew that they were Assyria's next target for conquest, so they reached out to Egypt for help.

The Lord calls this rebellion, because they were not relying on him to save them.

They had taken matters into their own hands.

Isaiah rebukes them and reminds them that to trust in anyone other than the Lord is to be let down. Egypt will prove powerless to save them.

Judah turned to Egypt because they did not know their God. They didn't trust him. We must know God and his word so that we can trust him always.

2. The rebellious heart exposed (8-18)

The Lord links lying to rebellion. In order to excuse themselves, Judah had to lie to themselves and others. And we can do the very same thing.

Instead, Judah wanted to hear what suited them. They didn't want the truth because it didn't serve their purposes.

If we would love and fear the Lord, we must be more concerned about truth than niceness. We must be willing to be scorned because we identify with Jesus.

Though the Lord would judge them, he still held out to them a message of hope.

They need only repent and return to him—he waits to be gracious to them.

3. The grace available after rebellion (19-33)

When Judah returns, the Lord promises 3 areas of blessing: spiritual regeneration, physical blessing, and the defeat of their enemies.

There are many enemies of the Lord and his people; but he will have his day and he will destroy his enemies. We only need to wait on him.

Questions:

1. How would you like your life to improve?
2. Where are you turning for hope?
3. How is the Lord calling you to grow in waiting on and hoping in him?