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Message Info

Title:

Reign with Him by His Spirit

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Scriptures:

Isaiah 31-33

Theme: Our King reigns; therefore, empowered by his Spirit, let us reign with him.

Introduction: Sometimes, it's hard to remember great truths in the daily press of life, such as: Jesus is the King who reigns over all. Because we don't necessarily see Jesus' reign every day, and because we're waiting for the day when his reign is fully manifest, it can be easy for us to live as though it isn't true. But as his people we are called not only to remember this truth, but to reign with him in this life.

These chapters give us 3 points to remember our Lord's reign and our opportunity to reign with him:

1. The true King reigns over every other power

Over the past several chapters, the Lord has been pronouncing woes against those who don't wait on him. Their lack of trust is keeping them from obedience. Israel was turning to Egypt and trusting in their military might for deliverance. The Lord pronounces a woe against that false trust.

He also announces judgment on Assyria for their disobedience. Even though he had used them to punish Israel, he would still judge them as well.

Given how the Lord reigns over Israel and her enemies, they should trust him always. As should we.

2. The true King is truly beautiful

There are many ways to describe the Lord; but an important one is that he is beautiful.

There is also a surprising connection between beauty and fear. Because the Lord is so majestic in true beauty—in purity, truth, justice, wisdom, holiness, etc—we fear him.

The right fear of the Lord is to understand ourselves rightly in relation to him.

3. The rain to reign with the true King

Isaiah provides a picture of women at ease, and he is rebuking them for their complacency in light of the urgency of their need to trust the Lord.

Their complacency represents a lack of repentance, especially in light of what the Lord has already shown them.

The Lord will work to pour out his Spirit on his people and to produce new fruit of faith in their lives. In that way, we will live for him and his glory.

Questions:

1. What do you fear?
2. Is there any way that you are complacent toward the Lord and his work in your life?
3. How is the Lord calling you to grow in courage and faith?