

Haughtiness Humbled

Isaiah 2:5-22

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Introduction

In the sermon last week,

- I preached from the first five verses of Isaiah chapter 2 where we have a description of what the Lord is going to do in the latter days.
 - I explained to you that this period of time called the latter days speaks of the days that began with the ascension of Jesus Christ to sit on God's right hand.
- It was then that the house of God was established forever...
 - so that now this great house is fully furnished with everything...
 - It has the forgiveness of sin through the fully accepted offering of Jesus Christ...
 - And it has the Holy Spirit poured out upon it for all the members.
- And, as Isaiah here remarkably prophecies...
 - In the last days, when this house has been established,
 - the nations will begin to flow into it with eagerness...
 - They will come to be taught of God and to walk in His ways.
 - They will come with eagerness, bringing their neighbours.
 - They will come, ready to be rebuked by the Lord, even to have their lives shaped and transformed by Him.
 - It is a glorious vision of the calling of Gentiles after the coming of Jesus Christ!
 - It is precisely what has happened!
 - As soon as Messiah came and established God's house, the nations began to come.
 - Isaiah shows that the two things that will continually be characteristic of the latter days will be:
 - A permanently established house of God...
 - A flow of the nations with eagerness into this house for salvation.

But Isaiah says all of this to Israel in a time when she has forsaken the LORD!

- The nation as a whole was characterised by idolatry and wickedness...
 - And so Isaiah speaks these words to shame her...
 - As if to say,

- “Just look at how the nations will respond when the light comes to them!”
- “How is it that you who have the light of the LORD do not walk in His light when they will be so eager to receive it?”
- “How is it that you who have Christ promised do not fill yourselves with Him, but rather with vanity?”
- And I applied this to us—to the church in this land—to all those who are baptised in Canada...
 - For like Israel in Isaiah’s day, we have long had the precious light of the Lord in our land...
 - but now we have grown cold and apostate...
 - Instead of feasting upon the Lord Jesus, we have turned to feast on idols and on vanity!
 - We see other nations who have only had the light of the gospel recently introduced coming with eagerness to submit to Him...
 - but we are brazen, obstinate, ungrateful, and rebellious!
 - Even today in our prayer requests, I have included a report about Myanmar or Burma— a country to the east of India and just below China.
 - What an example of eagerness!
 - It was only about 16 years ago that the United Reformed Churches started a mission there—
 - Now there are 20 churches, 18 pastors, 23 students of ministry, and 15,000 believers in these churches!
 - How is it that they are so eager and we who have so long had the light of the Lord in our land are so cold and indifferent to the light?
 - It is a most wretched response to our Lord who had been so gracious and so faithful to His covenant.
 - The people of privilege are perverse!
- What did Isaiah say to the apostate people of God in His day after showing them the eagerness with which the nations would come in the future?
 - He said what the Holy Spirit also says to us in our apostate time and place:
 - Isa 2:5: “O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the LORD.”
 - These words are not only written for them, but for us who are God’s house today.
 - Surely we who have long had the light ought to cherish it so as to walk in it!

- Surely we ought to cherish it even more than those who are only just now discovering it!
 - And indeed, even more than Israel in Isaiah's day who did not yet have the full light that was to be revealed when Christ came.
 - What is our problem?
 - It is not that there is anything wrong with the light!
 - Not at all!
 - The light of gospel is such a light that the more you learn of it, the more precious it ought to become to you!
 - the stronger your commitment and the deeper your love ought to become.
 - But this has not been the case with us in the church in Canada.
- Oh brothers and sisters,
 - I do not mean to say that there is no remnant...
 - There was also a remnant in the Israel when Isaiah wrote these words.
 - There is always a remnant according to election.
 - There is a remnant in Canada today...
 - a remnant that is walking in the light of the Lord.
 - And if you are part of that remnant, you ought to be both humble and grateful...
 - Humble inasmuch as you are part of a cold apostate people of God...
 - Humble inasmuch as you see that you, even though a recipient of God's electing grace, have not been as zealous for the Lord as *you* ought...
 - And grateful in that the LORD continues to preserve you and show mercy to you and give you His light and His grace...
 - Yes—that He has given you the grace to humble yourself and to walk in the light...

This morning I want you to see how Isaiah presents to Israel what God is going to do with His apostate nation—how He is going to deal with them...

- I want you to see two things...
 - See that the LORD forsakes them and refuses to forgive them...
 - See that the LORD will have His day when He brings down their haughtiness and exalts Himself alone.

I want you to see this so that...

- You will know the danger that the apostate church is in...
 - so that you will be able to warn her...
 - so that you will see the vanity in her...
 - so that you will turn from vanity...
 - so that you will not be enticed to join in the apostasy...
 - so that you will be encouraged by the knowledge that the LORD will at last be glorified.
 - He will deal with His enemies among His people who are not His people and get glory upon them...

So brothers and sisters, let us begin with the first of the two things I want you to see.

- In the first place, see how

I. The LORD has forsaken His apostate people and refuses to forgive them.

A. That sounds like a remarkable thing, but that is just what Isaiah says...

1. Look at the beginning of verse 6 and the end of verse 9...

a. The beginning of verse 6 says,

- Isa 2:6: “For you have forsaken your people, the house of Jacob.”
 - You see how it even calls them “the house of Jacob” and how it plainly says that God has forsaken them...
 - These are not the people who have been excommunicated or the people of the nations that are yet in darkness...
 - This is the house of Jacob!
 - These are dreadful words indeed!

b. And then look at the end of verse 9 and you see there that Isaiah says,

- Isa 2:9: “Therefore do not forgive them”
 - Or this could be translated,
 - “You cannot forgive them.”
 - Either way it is rooted in the doctrine taught in Exodus 34:7 that the Lord will “by no means clear the guilty.”
 - Again, these are dreadful words that Isaiah speaks to God’s covenant people, even the very house of Jacob!
 - They are beyond forgiveness.

2. And you need to understand that this is still how the Lord deals with His apostate people today...
 - a. It was not that long ago that we looked at Hebrews 6 where it says that it is impossible to renew to repentance those who have once been enlightened and then have fallen away...
 - This is what it says in Heb 6:4-6
 - Heb 6:4-6: For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.
 - It was a horrible thing to crucify Christ before you are enlightened...
 - But what a thing it is to come to know Him and then to reject Him?
 - b. In Romans 11, Paul speaks about how apostate Israel has been cut off and then he warns the Gentiles who are just now being grafted in...
 - Romans 11:17-21: And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in." Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either.
 - c. Clearly, the covenant people can fall into a state of apostasy and unbelief and be cut off...
3. But you will say...
 - a. "I thought the scripture taught that God will not forsake the people whom He foreknew? I thought it said that He would never leave us or forsake us?"
 - 1) Brothers and sisters, that is true of elect individuals, but there are times when the church becomes so full of unbelievers that the whole church (or at least the whole church in a particular region) becomes apostate.
 - Not every individual within the church, but the church becomes characterised by apostacy.
 - I spoke to you about this when we were in Isaiah 1...
 - There are so many unbelievers that the whole of God's people are forsaken and cast into captivity or overrun by enemies...
 - But they are never utterly forsaken because within the forsaken mass there is always a remnant according to election that God preserves and purifies through the whole process.

- Even the final judgement will be like that...
 - The chaff will be separated from the visible church and many will be cut off...
 - but the kernel of wheat will be purified in that day and received into the joyous presence of the Lord.
- 2) You must realise that you are part of the whole church in Canada and in North America and that the whole has become apostate...
- It is only a matter of time until God's judgement falls...
 - The church in Isaiah's day was about to undergo judgement from the coming exile when the temple would be destroyed and the nation would be carried off to Babylon...
 - They would be forsaken—yet God would recover a remnant afterward...
 - Understand also that Isaiah's words look beyond his own day when the exile would come...
 - They look to the very end when the final judgement comes at the last day.
 - This is the day when everyone who has ever lived will be summoned before the Lord to be judged...
 - And when the angels will be given charge to separate out from the Church the bad from the good...
 - to cast them into the Lake of Fire.
- b. Once God has forsaken His people so as to appoint them to judgement, there is no turning back...
- The exile was going to come and there was to be no forgiveness now...
 - The judgement was inevitable.
 - There is a point of no return and Israel had come to that point in Isaiah's day just as it did in Christ's Day when the destruction of Jerusalem was foretold...
 - There was no forgiveness for the whole nation, though there was always forgiveness for those within the nation who repented.

B. Isaiah shows us why the LORD had forsaken His people...

1. I have already said that it was because of apostasy—but what is apostasy?
 - a. Apostasy is when God's people—

- God's covenant people who have God's light and God's promises and protection...
 - God's people who have His provision of Jesus Christ constantly held out to them...
 - the provision of Christ-promised in the Old Testament and of Christ-given in the New Testament...
 - They have Him held out to them for forgiveness and they have held out to them the grace they need to live as God's people...
 - but instead being filled with God's provision,
 - they turn away to fill themselves with other things!
 - God has prepared a table for them, but they turn to the table of vanity and forsake the Lord.
- b. And so you see that apostasy is not just the commission of sin—
- It is not that you do something that is so sinful that God will not forgive you...
 - It is the rejection of God's salvation in Christ by God's covenant people.
 - It is their refusal to turn to Him for life and salvation.
2. Isaiah shows what apostates fill themselves with when they ought to have been filled with Christ...
- Notice in verses 6-8 how many times it says they were filled with something or full of something when they might have been filled with the Lord Jesus Christ...
 - Not that they knew Him yet by name, but that He was God's promised provision of salvation for them upon which they were to constantly draw.
 - See from their example what apostates fill themselves with...
 - The picture is that of a vessel that is so full of one thing that it cannot be filled with another.
- a. First, apostates fill themselves with "eastern ways" instead of with Christ.
- 1) Eastern ways simply refers to the way they picked up the ways of the nations to the east of them—
 - the Ammonites, the Syrians, the Chaldeans, the Moabites and others...
 - 2) In Christ, the Lord gives us His own justice and judgement by which to conduct our lives,
 - We have His Word to direct us and guide us and enlighten us...

- But these ingrates forsook all that and began to imitate and find pleasure in the ways of the pagans living around them!
 - Instead of consulting God's Word, they began to consult things like the intestines of animals or the flight of birds or the arrangement of the stars!
 - Instead of living according to the principles of God's word, they began to give themselves to immoral behaviour.
- 3) There is no excuse for such behaviour when have the Word of Christ!
- What, do we suppose? that He does not have a sufficient provision for us that we must turn to these vain things?
 - Yet, this is exactly what we see in our day—horoscopes, palm reading, and just plain old vain philosophy and immorality.
 - We did not learn such things from Christ!
 - We act like uncircumcised Philistines who do not have the Lord.
 - We have forsaken Him as if He is not good enough for us!
- b. Second, apostates fill themselves with silver and gold instead of Christ...
- 1) Isaiah charges them with this in the first half of verse 7...
- Isa 2:7: Their land is also full of silver and gold, and there is no end to their treasures;
 - They were full of these things when they might have been filled with Christ.
 - Oh how covetousness can fill up your soul!
 - It can so occupy you that there is no room for the LORD... no heart to seek Him.
- 2) Now don't misunderstand this—
- God promised to give His people an overflowing abundance in the Land flowing with milk and honey...
 - He told them that they would prosper and be blessed with a rich abundance...
 - But they are accused here for filling themselves with these things when they were supposed to be filled with the Lord.
 - When you fill yourself with silver and gold, you give them the place that belongs to the LORD.
 - You start to serve them in such a way that you transgress His commandments to have more...

- You ignore the Sabbath, you withhold your tithe, you lie and cheat, you do not put in an honest days work, you spend money that you do not have, you get into quarrels over possessions because of greed and covetousness, you envy those who have more, you withhold from the widow and the orphan...
 - These are sure signs that you are filled with riches instead of with the Lord who gives us all things richly to enjoy...
 - in love to our neighbour and in gratitude to Him.
- 3) There is a turning of things upside down...
- a) You see, the proper order is that we are under the Lord and that our possessions are then under us—
 - that we use them with joy in His service.
 - b) But when the order is inverted,
 - the possessions are put on top and we serve them as our god—
 - and we regard the LORD as under us—there for us to control rather than to serve.
 - c) That is what we do when we are filled with gold and silver!
- c. Third, apostates fill themselves with horses and chariots instead of Christ.
- You see this in the second half of verse 7
 - Isa 2:7: Their land is also full of horses, And there is no end to their chariots.
- 1) Horses and chariots, of course, were used for national defence—for security.
- This represents whatever we rely on for our protection...
 - our military, our neighbour's military, our fortresses, our wisdom and policy, etc...
- 2) An apostate nation begins to look to anything and everything except the LORD to keep them safe.
- This does not mean that the LORD does not use means.
 - He strengthened the people in Nehemiah's day to build the walls of Jerusalem for the security of the city...
 - And He is the one who provides military machinery and all sorts of other things we employ for our protection...
 - But apostates forget that their safety comes from the LORD.

- They begin to make military alliances that are contrary to Him, or to use their military in unprincipled ways—
 - attacking nations in fear or greed rather than in accordance with the principles of God’s Word...
 - The LORD is no longer served or credited for our protection, but instead we credit our policies and our military machinery.
- d. Fourth, apostates fill themselves with idols instead of Christ...
- Verse 8 begins, Their land is full of idols!
- 1) Idols are gods that we make...
 - or perhaps it is even more accurate to say, what we make God to be.
 - This has always been very common...
 - How often do you speak to people about God who tell you,
 - “Well I don’t think God is like that... I don’t think He would ever send anyone to Hell...”
 - or “I have prayed, and I know that God wants me to leave my wife. We just aren’t right for each other...”
 - or, “I think God is just sort of like energy”
 - 2) These are gods that people make...
 - It is so foolish to fashion your own god and then bow to worship it!
 - It’s bad enough to worship what God has created... but to worship we have created?
 - What folly is that?
 - 3) But how sad it is to see those who are God’s people doing this—baptised people—people who go to church!
 - Instead of submitting to God’s revelation where He tells us what He is like and what he likes and what He does not like—
 - how He wants us to worship Him—
 - and how we cannot come to Him without faith in Christ...
 - We take it upon ourselves to decide what God is like and what He wants...
 - It is as if He is not even a person and does not mind how we think of Him!
 - Brothers and sisters, God does mind!

- He has a will and He has spoken... and we constantly come short.
- If we try to deny that and change that, we make an idol...
 - and then we no longer need a crucified Saviour...
 - and we become apostate.

TRANS> Don't you see...

- We must not fill ourselves with anything except the LORD—
 - Not eastern ways, but His ways
 - Not our own silver and gold, but His provision for us
 - Not horses and chariots, but His protection
 - Not idols, but Him!
- No wonder God forsook His people...
 - They had forsaken Him!
 - Instead of exalting the LORD,
 - they had exalted eastern ways, gold and silver, horses and chariots, and idols
 - He had put up with them for long enough and now it was time for judgement to fall.
- Brothers and sisters, having seen how the LORD has forsaken His apostate people, I want you to see in the second place how...

II. The LORD will have His day with His apostate people who exalt themselves against Him...

—in fact He will have His day with *all* that exalts itself against Him.

A. In verses 10-22, Isaiah speaks of **the day of the LORD**...

1. Look at how many times it is mentioned...

a. In verse 11 it says He will be exalted in **that day**...

- The LORD whose glory had been obscured in darkness by the covenant people will be lifted up for all to see His glory!

b. In verse 12, it says that “**the day of the Lord** of hosts shall come upon everything that is proud and lofty...”

- Even things that have been lifted up by apostates and given the place that belongs will to God will be brought down to their place.

- c. In verse 17 it again says that the Lord will be exalted **in that day**...
 - d. And in verse 20 it says that a man will cast away his idols to the moles and bats **in that day**.
2. The designation of **the day of the LORD** is one that is often used in scripture to refer to the day of judgement.
- a. Throughout history, there are various days of judgement that come—
 - such as the destruction of Jerusalem that occurred in Jeremiah's day...
 - and the destruction of Jerusalem that occurred in the first century upon the Jews for their rejection of Christ...
 - And the judgements that fall upon apostate nations throughout these New Testament times...
 - b. But the day of the LORD refers in particular to the last day, that great day, when our Lord Jesus returns with glory to judge the living and the dead.
 - 1) It is the day that Paul speaks to the men at Athens about in Acts 17 when he tells them that God
 - Acts 17:31: has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained.
 - 2) This is the day described in 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10...
 - 1 Thes 1:7-10: when [and I quote] the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.
 - 3) There are certainly preliminary days of judgement leading up to this, but the day of the LORD occurs at last when everything that exalts itself against the LORD is brought down and He alone is exalted.
3. Man has his day now but God will have His day at the end...
- Man, in his day, foolishly exalts what is not God,
 - But God in His day, will set everything right—He will relegate everything to its proper place.
- B. Understand that in the day of the LORD, He will simply be seen as He is.
- 1. You see, until the LORD visits sin, His glory remains (in a sense) hidden from us—mercifully so.
 - Sometimes wicked men who deny God ask why God does not show Himself.

- They do not know what they ask!
 - When the LORD comes to reveal His glory, He will show what He is in relation to human sin and in relation to all that lifts itself up against Him!
 - It will mean destruction for all that is not holy!
 - It will be a day of dread and terror the like of which has never been seen...
2. Three times in our text it says that sinful men will be so terrified by His appearing that they will want to hide themselves in the caves and in the dust of the earth...
- a. They will prefer to be buried alive than to meet their Maker in that day.
- 1) Look at verse 10:
- Isa 2:10-11: Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, From the terror of the LORD. And the glory of His majesty. The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, The haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, And the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.
- 2) Look at verse 17:
- Isa 2:17: The loftiness of man shall be bowed down, And the haughtiness of men shall be brought low; The LORD alone will be exalted in that day, but the idols He shall utterly abolish.
- 3) Look at verse 20-21:
- Isa 2:20-21: In that day a man will cast away his idols of silver And his idols of gold, Which they made, each for himself to worship, To the moles and bats, To go into the clefts of the rocks, And into the crags of the rugged rocks, From the terror of the LORD And the glory of His majesty, When He arises to shake the earth mightily.
- b. His glory will put them in such terror because they will be forced to face all that they have been denying and suppressing in their wickedness...
- And they will know it—they will see clearly just how wicked they have been and how foolish...
 - All this time they have been messing around and God had not called them to account, so they figure they can get away with it...
 - They have ignored the preacher, they have ignored the warnings of Christian friends...
 - And they have supposed that they can go on ignoring all these things without consequence...
 - But when the day comes, they will be in abject terror!
 - Neither will they be able to find any excuse for their behaviour...

- They will not be able to find any injustice in God or any deficiency or any imperfection.
 - All that will be left for them is terror before Him and the certain expectation of fiery judgement.
3. Every caricature of God that man has made will be swept away in that day...
- a. All the ignoble thoughts of God,
 - all the snide and blasphemous comments about Him,
 - all the diminished views of His majesty and glory,
 - and all the corrupted views of His justice and purity will be swept away in the moment He is revealed.
 - b. Men in their arrogance, so long as God keeps His distance,
 - are very bold to live as they please and to entertain foolish notions about God.
 - Until they meet Him, they are very brazen and haughty about it all...
 - They strut about in their false security and baseless pride.
 - In their haughtiness they suppose Him to be one that they can speak evil of and think evil of...
 - Sometimes they even go so far as to say that He is not.
 - c. But the LORD will not allow this wicked arrogance to stand...
 - He will bring it all down so that He alone will be exalted.
 - Finally, there will be no more distortions about Him!
- C. My brothers and sisters, what manner of persons ought you to be, knowing that this day will come!
1. This day will either be the most wonderful day ever...
 - for as it says in 2 Thessalonians, it will be the day He comes
 - to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.
 - If you are among those who believe, it will be the day when you finally see the glory of the LORD that you have waited so long to see.
 - Those who believe are those who have acknowledge their sin now and who have already humbled themselves...
 - They are those who have believed that the LORD will judge the world in righteousness and have seen that they will perish without His salvation.

- And they have seen and believed that God has sent Christ to be a propitiation for our sins...
 - and that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life in the presence of the glory of God...
 - and so they have yearned for that salvation and have embraced that salvation and trusted in Jesus Christ to obtain it...
 - Jesus who died on the cross.
 - This day of the LORD is the day that you have been waiting for ever since you believed.

- 2. But if you are not among those who believe, then this day will be a day most terrible...
 - a. All of your self-justification and all your pride and all the things you find your security in will be completely cut out from under you...
 - You will be bowed down before the majesty of the God you refused to bow down to when He was revealed to you in Jesus Christ.
 - Whatever goodness and whatever sweetness you claimed will melt away when you are brought face to face with the God against whom you have sinned.
 - Whatever wisdom and philosophy in which you prided yourself will be exposed...
 - Isaiah calls this your lofty looks and your haughtiness that will be bowed down before the glory of His majesty...
 - whatever in yourself you took pride in will all evaporate and you will frantically look for a place to hide.

 - b. And not only that, but all the things you gloried in or found security in will be seen as utterly worthless next to the glory of God...
 - You will see how you chose to glory in these things—created things—and wickedly ignored the One who made them all...
 - Everything that you have lifted up will be brought low—it will be brought to its place...
 - as verse 12-18 shows...
 - the cedars of Lebanon, so beautiful, so majestic, so strong, will be seen next to their Creator...
 - the oaks of Bashan and the great mountains and hills that seem so immovable will be seen as nothing next to the Maker...

- and all those towers and fortresses and that you found security in will be seen as the specs they are before the Majesty of the LORD...
- And the ships of Tarshish and the beautiful sloops—probably something like the pleasure boats or yachts that men glory in will be eclipsed in the light of God’s presence.
- All these things will be shaken at His coming...
 - They will be as nothing before Him—you will have nothing to glory in, nothing to take security in...
 - for you will know that you chose these things instead of the glorious Lord whom you have spurned.
- c. You will have no more use for your idols...
 - for all your own conceptions about God... but will cast them to the moles and to the bats...
 - That is what is says in verse 20-21...
 - All your false notions of God will be clearly seen as nothing but evasion and you will ashamed of it all...
 - You will have no use for them ever again—you will only want to get rid of these idols—
 - to be done with them...
 - you will be so ashamed for the glorious God to find you with them.
- 3. And so in verse 22, Isaiah tells you what to do...
 - Isa 2:22: “Sever yourselves from such a man whose breath is in his nostrils; for of what account is he?”
 - a. This shows you how weak and frail man is—
 - His breath is in his nostrils...
 - The Lord is the one who breathed life into us at the beginning.
 - He is the one who sustains our frail life
 - Hear what the scripture says about this:
 - Ps 104:29: “You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.”
 - Ps 146:4: “His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish.”
 - Ps 78:39: “For He remembered that they *were but* flesh, A breath that passes away and does not come again.”

- The LORD is the one who sustains our frail life and we act as if we do not need Him and as if we have something with which to war against Him.
 - He who gave us our brains and our life and our strength...
 - and we suppose we can use these to war against Him!
 - And we take confidence in other men who war against Him in the folly and arrogance.

- b. Isaiah says, “sever yourself from such a man whose breath is in his nostrils!”
 - Do not join ranks with apostates who vainly lift themselves up and trust in what is not God!
 - No—come and walk in the light of the LORD...
 - In the light that is revealed in Jesus Christ!

- c. Oh brothers and sisters...
 - The LORD has revealed Christ to us...
 - He has shown us that our condition is so desperate that nothing less than the coming of His Son to die on the cross could repair it...
 - So are you now going to spurn God’s salvation and be filled with something else—with eastern ways? with silver and gold? with horses and chariots? with idols?
 - Are you going to fill yourself with these instead of finding your life in Christ?
 - You will obtain nothing but terror from these things...
 - But in Christ, everlasting glory and life!
 - Sever yourselves from man and find your life in the Son of God.
 - Come and let us walk in the light of the LORD, not in the darkness of apostasy.