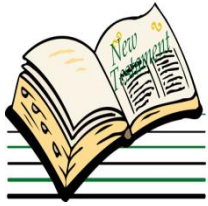


Sermon Notes



Title: "The Gospel in Isaiah: The Heart"

Text: Isaiah 29:1-24

Theme: Your heart is the real "you." It is where you really live, think, and love. The issues in your life are decided in your heart. The Gospel targets your heart. When you respond to the Gospel, your heart is brought near to God.

I. The _____ of God Is in Big _____ (1-14)

A. God Will Come _____ Jerusalem (1-4)

B. However, the Nation Will Be _____ from the _____ (5-8)

C. The Real Problem Is the _____
_____ of His People (9-14)

II. The LORD Will _____

His People (15-24)

A. But the _____ Will Be Judged for Their Lack of _____ (15-16)

B. The Spiritually _____ Will _____ and Overcome (17-21)

C. The _____ of God's People Will Be Fully _____ (22-24)

III. Applications

A. We are _____ for our _____ -
what we think, what we _____, and what we
_____.

B. _____ should be the outward
_____ of an _____ love
and devotion to the LORD.

C. The _____ for _____
religion and worship is the _____.

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. What is the significance of the word *"ah"* (v. 1)?
2. What does the word *"Ariel"* mean? Who or what is the referent (v. 1)?
3. Who is behind the siege of Jerusalem (vv. 2-3)?
4. What is the purpose for the siege (v. 4)?
5. What will happen when the Assyrians lay siege to Jerusalem (vv. 5-8)?
6. In what historical books of the Old Testament do we read about what happened when the Assyrian king attacked Jerusalem?
7. What was the real problem among God's people in Judah (v. 13)?
8. What does God promise He will do (v. 14)?
9. What were Judah's leaders doing that brought on a dire warning from the LORD (v. 15)?
10. Why will God judge Judah's leaders (vv. 15-16)?
11. What was the major flaw in the reasoning of Judah's leaders (v. 16)?
12. What will happen to the spiritually blind in Israel (vv. 17-21)?
13. What is the result of God's work (vv. 22-24)?
14. What do the Scriptures mean by the word *"heart"*?
15. What is the condition of people's hearts since the fall of Adam?
16. What does this condition mean in terms of a person's ability to please God?
17. How can we be responsible for our heart when it is unable to please the LORD?
18. What is *"religion"*? Is it good or bad?
19. What makes religion good? What makes it bad?
20. How is the Gospel the answer to the spiritual deadness of people's hearts?