

# Who Do You Trust? Isaiah 30

## Textual Overview:

### **Verses 1-5**

- Chapter begins with a description of God's people as they pursue a path for "salvation"
- However, they are seeking it out in a source other than God;
  - o In fact, God has *nothing* to do with their plans:
  - o He didn't design them, He didn't help execute them, He is not present in them
  - o This does not seem to be an issue for those involved

### **Verses 6-7**

- These verses set forth a struggle: God is clearly warning them that this is a path that leads to futility
  - o They are pictured as taking a long and arduous journey; the warnings are all over the place that this is a harmful path, but they are determined to press onward
  - o What great lengths they go to in order to avoid following God's way

### **Verses 8-11**

- Why would someone march off into such a bleak and disastrous future?
- There is a complete unwillingness to listen to the truth; their ears are shut--anything that runs counter to their desire or the narrative that they'd like to hear is a message that will be tuned out.
  - o Their hearts are set in a specific directions; they don't have any plans on letting something as inconvenient as truth get in their way.
  - o In fact, the very idea of truth is repulsive to them--*get it away and out of our presence!*

### **Verses 12-14**

- The desire of their hearts is further revealed: They don't want to place their trust in God's ways; they would rather trust in fleshly wisdom and weapons that hold the empty promise of getting ahead
- But this insistence on shunning godly principles will have consequences: they cannot expect to align themselves with ungodly people and yet still stay in God's favor.

### **Verses 15-18**

- Throughout their stubbornness, God continues to reach out to them and urge them to follow a path of repentance and trust, but they are determined to take the fleshly path.
- They are going to be routed, but there will be a time when some will come to their senses, and then they will trust in the Lord.
- When that time comes, God will be patiently and mercifully waiting for His people.

## Textual Observations:

### **Verses 1-5**

- They may not have thought of themselves as such, but God calls them rebellious children: every action they take is compounding sin on sin
- In all of their planning, they spoke to each other, they conferred with seemingly wise and important people, but the One they didn't speak to was God.
- Everything looked great! Very official! Meeting with important people in important places... but they would be put to shame by placing their trust *in anything other than God* because it is nothing but shadow. There is no rock!

### **Verses 6-7**

- Destined for disappointment: How often do we, in our quest to latch on to something that seems to give us hope for the now ignore the danger around us and foolishly think that we aren't going down a "vain and empty" road.

### **Verses 8-11**

- God is calling on Isaiah to make a permanent record of their foolishness, so that one day they could look on it, when they'd come to their senses, and learn from their mistakes.
- They weren't capable of seeing them in the moment because they'd tuned God out:
- Wouldn't it be wonderful if God's people everywhere could look at their records and learn from the times in the past where they hadn't trusted in God?

### **Verses 12-14**

- Why oppression and guile? Do they equate with strength?

### **Verses 15-18**

- It didn't have to be this way: but the allure of the physical was greater than placing their trust in the LORD
- In the end, a time would come where they'd have the opportunity to look on their foolishness and trust in the LORD, and receive mercy.

## **Occasions Where We Are Tempted to Make Plans Without God:**

- In the growth and development of our churches
- In the organization and raising of our families
- Who we seek to put our trust in on a daily basis.