

Isaiah 13-20
Sermon Notes
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Isaiah 14:13-14 ESV

13 You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'

Isaiah 16:6 ESV

6 We have heard of the pride of Moab—how proud he is!—of his arrogance, his pride, and his insolence; in his idle boasting he is not right.

Mega-themes from the judgments of God:

1. God opposes the proud

"According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere fleabites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind."

C.S. Lewis

God hates haughty eyes (Proverbs 6:16-17)

God hates a proud look (Proverbs 6:16-17)

God hates the proud in heart (Proverbs 16:5, 8:13)

Pride is practical atheism (Psalm 10:4)

God humbles those who exalt themselves (Isaiah 10:12, Daniel 4:20)

1 Peter 5:5 ESV

5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Luke 18:9-14 ESV

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

The posture of a prideful heart:

- a. Feeling confident before God
- b. Defining righteousness by how others perceive them
- c. Treating others with contempt

Battling pride:

- a. Serve

b. Follow the example of Jesus

Matthew 20:26-28 ESV

26 It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, 28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

John 13:14-15 ESV

14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.
15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

Mega-themes from the judgments of God:

2. God reigns

Isaiah 14:24-27 ESV

24 The Lord of hosts has sworn: "As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand, 25 that I will break the Assyrian in my land, and on my mountains trample him underfoot; and his yoke shall depart from them, and his burden from their shoulder." 26 This is the purpose that is purposed concerning the whole earth, and this is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations. 27 For the Lord of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back?

Colossians 1:17 ESV

17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

God's sovereignty means that there isn't anything that will enter your life that God does not either decree or allow. And nothing will ever enter your life that, if you are willing to trust in him, he cannot work out for your good.

Chip Ingram

Psalms 115:3 ESV

3 Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

Romans 11:36 ESV

36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 8:6 ESV

6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

What difference should God's reign make in our lives:

- a. There is a lasting and proper motivation for service
- b. There is a willingness and desire to obey
- c. There is boldness before the world and its powers

Many people do not believe in God's sovereignty, yet still serve the Lord. But there is a great difference. Those who see the Lord in His sovereign glory have an inward compulsion to serve this God. Serving God

is the glory of their lives. Their service is measured not so much in what they achieve-or what God achieves through them-but rather in the sheer wonder of the God they serve.

Ligon Duncan

Mega-themes from the judgments of God:

3. Look to Him

Isaiah 17:7-8 ESV

7 In that day man will look to his Maker, and his eyes will look on the Holy One of Israel. 8 He will not look to the altars, the work of his hands, and he will not look on what his own fingers have made, either the Asherim or the altars of incense.

1 John 5:4 ESV

4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

The Bible speaks of a faith that overcomes the world. But too many American Christians have a faith that is more American than Christian. Their faith is not overcoming the world; the world is overcoming their faith.

2 Peter 1:4 ESV

4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Proverbs 3:5 ESV

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

Overcoming the world means that you are no longer controlled by the things of this world. When you are no longer moved by what situations of life dictate to you, Satan would have lost his strongest grip on you. He uses what happens in the world to challenge your faith, to tempt you and to frighten you. But when nothing in the world moves you, you are dead to the world and the world is dead to you. This is the basis of the faith that overcomes the world; the faith that is our victory as followers of Christ