

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

He will Surely be Gracious to You

Isaiah 30

March 6, 2016

Sermon Text

Isaiah 30:1 "Ah, stubborn children," declares the Lord, "who carry out a plan, but not mine, and who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; [2] who set out to go down to Egypt, without asking for my direction, to take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt! [3] Therefore shall the protection of Pharaoh turn to your shame, and the shelter in the shadow of Egypt to your humiliation. [4] For though his officials are at Zoan and his envoys reach Hanes, [5] everyone comes to shame through a people that cannot profit them, that brings neither help nor profit, but shame and disgrace." [6] An oracle on the beasts of the Negeb. Through a land of trouble and anguish, from where come the lioness and the lion, the adder and the flying fiery serpent, they carry their riches on the backs of donkeys, and their treasures on the humps of camels, to a people that cannot profit them. [7] Egypt's help is worthless and empty; therefore I have called her "Rahab who sits still." [8] And now, go, write it before them on a tablet and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever. [9] For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the Lord; [10] who say to the seers, "Do not see," and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions, [11] leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel." [12] Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, "Because you despise this word and trust in oppression and perverseness and rely on them, [13] therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant; [14] and its breaking is like that of a potter's vessel that is smashed so ruthlessly that among its fragments not a shard is found with which to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern." [15] For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling, [16] and you said, "No! We will flee upon horses"; therefore you shall flee away; and, "We will ride upon swift steeds"; therefore your pursuers shall be swift. [17] A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill. [18] Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. [19] For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you. [20] And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. [21] And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left. [22] Then you will defile your carved idols overlaid with silver and your gold-plated metal images. You will scatter them as unclean things. You will say to them, "Be gone!" [23] And he will give rain for the seed with which you sow the ground, and bread, the produce of the ground, which will be rich and plenteous. In that day your livestock will graze in large pastures, [24] and the oxen and the donkeys that work the ground will eat seasoned fodder, which has been winnowed with shovel and fork. [25] And on every lofty mountain and every high hill there will be brooks running with water, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. [26] Moreover, the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day when the Lord binds up the brokenness of his people, and heals the wounds inflicted by his blow. [27] Behold, the name of the Lord comes from afar, burning with his anger, and in thick rising smoke; his lips are full of fury, and his tongue is like a devouring fire; [28] his breath is like an overflowing stream that reaches up to the neck; to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction, and to place on the jaws of the peoples a bridle that leads astray. [29] You shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept, and gladness of heart, as when one sets out to the sound of the flute to go to the mountain of the Lord, to the Rock of Israel. [30] And the Lord will cause his majestic voice to be heard and the descending blow of his arm to be seen, in furious anger and a flame of devouring fire, with a cloudburst and storm and hailstones. [31] The Assyrians will be terror-stricken at the voice of the Lord, when he strikes with his rod. [32] And every stroke of the appointed staff that the Lord lays on them will be to the sound of tambourines and lyres. Battling with brandished arm, he will fight with them. [33] For a burning place has long been prepared; indeed, for the king it is made ready, its pyre made deep and wide, with fire and wood in abundance; the breath of the Lord, like a stream of sulfur, kindles it.

Sermon Outline

God graciously cultivates the gift of faith (rest, trust) in His children.
I. Unwillingness to believe and obey God's Word brings His discipline. (1-14)
II. God's discipline is actually His gracious hand working to cultivate true faith in His children. (15-33)

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Sermon Application Questions	Prayer Requests
<p>1. Considering the part Egypt played in Israel's history, why does appealing to them for help seem so irrational?</p> <p>2. Judah was guilty of trying to broker a deal for Egypt's protection because they didn't believe God could provide what they needed. How might we be guilty of doing a similar thing as individuals? As a church?</p> <p>3. Discuss this statement from John Oswalt-</p> <p>"All your human conniving cannot save you. Your only resource is God, and the good news is that he wants to save you- indeed, he will, so why go to Egypt?"</p> <p>4. When we find ourselves running from God or resisting Him, what does verse 15 tell us to do?</p> <p>[15] For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."</p> <p>5. How does verse 18 give you comfort?</p> <p>[18] Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.</p>	<p>This week our family will lift up requests for:</p> <p>This week our family will praise the Lord for:</p> <p>HFG Notes & Actions:</p> <p>Next HFG meeting is:</p>