

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: Isaiah 5:8-30.
- B. Sometimes reading the studying the OT is like going to a new restaurant; a feast you've never had before.
- C. Studying the OT prophets is profitable (Rom. 15:4; 1Cor. 10:11). Pun intended!!
- D. Tonight, Isaiah's strong message of doom to the wicked.

I. SIX WOES.

- A. Scripture text: Isaiah 5:8-23.
- B. First, a woe against the wicked who seize land from the poor:
 - 1. See 5:8-10.
 - 2. God said the land was His, what right have they to become rich by their buying and selling what is not theirs? (Lev. 25:23).
 - 3. The punishment for such deeds is in 5:10.
- C. Second, a woe against the drunkard and the rich:
 - 1. See 5:11-17.
 - 2. The rich would rather party than pay attention to what God is doing and they will suffer for it, and
 - 3) the punishment is in verses 13,14 while the reward is in v. 15.
- D. Third, a woe against those who persist in sin and mock God's judgment:
 - 1. See 5:18,19.
 - 2. Men/women enjoy their sins greatly and carry it with them.
 - 3. May God's judgment come quickly to silence those tired of only hearing (not heeding) it.
- E. Fourth, a woe against those who cannot distinguish between good and evil:
 - 1. See 5:20.
 - 2. There is much in the NT about those who have lost the sensitivity necessary to distinguish good from evil (Rom. 1:21; Eph. 4:18-19; 1Tim. 4:2; Heb. 5:14).
- F. Fifth, a woe against those who think they can live without divine help:
 - 1. See 5:21.
 - 2. See also Prov. 3:7.
 - 3. Remember Paul's words in 1Cor. 1:18-21.
- G. Sixth, a woe against the drunkards in the military and crooked judges:
 - 1. See 5:22-23.
 - 2. This is about those who waste their life on strong drink.
 - 3. Also condemned are judges who will pervert justice for money.

II. THE PROMISE OF CONDEMNATION.

- A. Scripture text: Isaiah 5:24-30.
- B. Verse 24 shows the worthlessness of evil deeds. How quickly they shall fail and be consumed in God's anger.
- C. Verse 25 shows God's supreme love. In love, with one hand He disciplines Judah, while in love with other hand He tries to save them.
- D. Verses 26-30 describe the Assyrians who will come if necessary. See also 10:5-7.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Let's review these sins again that bring condemnation:
 - 1. Unlawfully seizing land from the poor.
 - 2. Being a drunkard and with riches ignore God.

3. Persisting in sin and mocking God.
 4. Calling evil good and good evil.
 5. Pride that tries to live without God's help.
 6. A drunken military with corrupt judges.
- B. In closing we focus on 5:25. God is just and must punish evil-doers. Yet, even in the midst of that He still wants whoever will to repent and come to Him.
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.