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Isaiah Sermon Series

Supports Session 5: God Saves

Sermon Title: "It's The End of the World" (Isaiah 24)

Connection to Isaiah 25

Isaiah 24–27 contain what many have referred to as Isaiah's little apocalypse. In chapters 13–23 God has proclaimed that He is sovereign over the nations in history. Chapters 24–27, show us how God's rule is enforced over the nations at the end of history. The judgment of the nations in chapter 24 prepares the reader for the amazing salvation that God offers the world in chapter 25.

Introduction/Opening

It's the end of the world. When you hear that phrase what comes to your mind? Isaiah was not talking about someone's day-to-day drama. Isaiah was speaking about the real end of the world in chapter 24, but how does he feel about it? Some people have never thought about what the end of the world as we know it will be like. Isaiah is going to help us know how we should feel and think about the end of the world. We do not have to speculate about how the world will end; we can and must listen to how God says the world will end so that we can be prepared for the end of the world.

Outline

1. The Reality of Judgment (vv. 1-3)
 - a) The judgment is universal.
 - b) The judgment is catastrophic.
 - c) The judgment is indiscriminant.

2. The Rationale of the Judgment (vv. 4-13)
 - a) Sin brings God's curse (vv. 4-6)
 - i. Deification of self
 - ii. Defilement of the land
 - iii. Disobedience to the Word of God and covenant
 - iv. Divine accountability
 - b) God's curse removes all joy and brings devastation (vv. 7-13)
 - i. An empty harvest
 - ii. A joyless and ruined city
 - iii. A harvested vineyard

3. The Response to God's Judgment (vv. 14-18a)
 - a) The ultimate response is a future joy.
 - b) The immediate response is sorrow.

4. The Reality of God's Rule (vv. 18b-23)

- a) God's devastating punishment of the earth
- b) God will destroy all powers in heaven and on earth.
- c) God will establish His reign over all the earth.

Conclusion

As we have considered the end of the world as we know it, we should feel the mixed response that Isaiah experienced. He is anything but fine. His immediate response is one of sadness because of what the people that do not know God will experience. Isaiah is also joyful because there is no ultimate salvation without ultimate judgment. This message is like the bittersweet digestion of the scroll in Revelation 10. The stakes are high, but there is hope. This King who reigns already has died in our place so that we can behold His glory instead of being destroyed by His glory. Christ makes joy possible and because of His death, we are spared from the second death through faith in Him.

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