

A Peaceful Habitation

Isaiah 32:9-20

1. Surety of God's _____ (v. 9-14)
 - a. The _____ of complacency
 - b. The _____ of complacency
 - i. Will result in _____
 - ii. Will result in _____
 - c. The _____ of complacency
 - i. Lost _____
 - ii. Lost _____
 - iii. Lost _____
2. Surety of God's _____ (v. 15-18)
 - a. Begun by the _____
 - b. Reverses the _____
 - c. Highlights the _____!
 - i. With _____
 - ii. With _____
 - d. Produces _____
 - i. With _____
 - ii. With _____
3. Surety of God's _____ (v. 19-20)
 - a. Of _____
 - i. Of the _____ without
 - ii. Of the _____ within
 - b. Of _____

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit." (Joel 2:28-29)

The Sin of Complacency

"For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster."
(Proverbs 1:32-33)

Complacency means "self-satisfaction accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies."

What makes this condition so dangerous is the first word: self-satisfaction. This is a reliance on oneself to find security and confidence and is exactly what Isaiah has repeatedly warned his readers not to do or to stop doing. Reliance on their own might, plans or resources only exposes the sins of pride and idolatry. The only antidote is to repent of self-satisfaction and have God-satisfaction – a reliance on God's might, plans and resources.

What makes this condition so terrifying is the inability to discern real danger. People like the women at a harvest festival described in Isaiah 32:9-14 go merrily on their way to the market looking for the best deals, rejoice in their financial well-being, and generally enjoy life without a care in the world. This reliance on the status quo, a sort of "complacency as a perpetual right," fails to consider the coming divine wrath upon false trust.

The World

It should not surprise us that the world encourages complacency. Don't rock the boat! Don't discuss politics or religion! Let the smart people do the thinking for you! Don't worry about what morals are taught! As long as your finances are okay, just be happy and comfortable! Carpe diem!

The Church

The church has often bought into the complacency the world teaches. It takes effort to consider what true righteousness and justice are. It takes discipline to teach discernment to our children. It takes resources to trust God in all circumstances.