

Sermon Notes



Title: "The Gospel in Isaiah: Transformed Nations"

Text: Isaiah 19:16-25

Theme: The Gospel will transform the world. This passage pictures a foretaste of that transformation and the work of breaking down the enmity and estrangement between the nations of the world.

I. **First Announcement: Egypt's _____ of God (vv. 16-17)**

II. **Second Announcement: Egypt Begins to _____ to the True God (v. 18)**

III. **Third Announcement: Egypt's _____ with the True God (vv. 19-22)**

IV. **Fourth Announcement: Egypt _____ God with Assyria (v. 23)**

V. **Fifth Announcement: Egypt and Assyria Are _____ with Israel Before God (vv. 24-25)**

IV. Applications

- A. A _____, in the sense of being _____, of _____ is not always a bad thing.
- B. _____ certainly have a place in the life of the believer, but not at the _____ of a _____ life.
- C. The Gospel not only _____, but _____ nations.
- D. The Gospel puts all God's people on an _____ in terms of their _____ and _____ before God.

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. Why is Egypt so afraid of God (vv. 16-17)?
2. What change will begin to take place in Egypt? What will this change look like (v. 18)?
3. How genuine will this change in Egypt's spiritual life be (vv. 19-22)?
4. What will the LORD send to Egypt when they are in trouble (v. 20)?
5. What kind of relationship will this nation experience with the LORD God (v. 21)?
6. When the LORD strikes Egypt, what will happen (v. 22)?
7. With what other nation will the Egyptians worship the LORD (v. 23)?
8. What does the "highway" signify (v. 23)?
9. Between the three nations (Egypt, Assyria, Israel), who holds the place of priority (vv. 24-25)?
10. How does God refer to Egypt? To Assyria? To Israel? (v. 25)?
11. Should we understand the references to these nations literally?
12. What 18th century preacher delivered a famous sermon that had the fear and wrath of God as the central theme and was used by God to grip the hearts of those who heard?
13. Should people be afraid of God since God is a God of love?
14. How important should ceremonies and rituals be in church life? What is the danger? What is the value?
15. What spiritual ceremonies, rituals, or habits help express your love and devotion to the LORD your God? What ceremonies, rituals, or habits impede your relationship to the LORD? Why?
16. How do we know from New Testament revelation that nations figure into the final purposes and plan of God for His Kingdom?
17. Are there nations that are being impacted by the Gospel on a large scale today? If so, which nations?
18. What does it mean to have a global view of the Gospel?
19. What passages and images in the New Testament confirm that all of God's people are equal before the LORD?
20. How does the Gospel bind peoples of different lands and cultures together?