

Scripture: The Law of the LORD (Ex. 20) & Isaiah 30
Singing: 166:1-4 – 140:1 – 53:1-5 – 229:3, 5, 6 – 161:3-5

A. The Jewish nation was fearful but erred in finding help: Is. 28:15, 18; Is. 30:1-2

B. Brief overview of the prophet's sermon in Isaiah 30

- a. 1-2 'woe' for seeking aid of Egypt
- b. 3-7 their approach to security is vain
- c. 8-11 their foolish method is nothing new
- d. 12-14 God's warning
- e. 15-18 God's solution
- f. 19-33 God's promises

B. Purpose of Isaiah's sermon

WAITING FOR THE LORD

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A. Waiting for the LORD is the description a heart that trusts the LORD

- 1. Ps. 33:20 *Our soul waiteth for the LORD: He is our help/shield*
- 2. Ps. 62:1 *Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from Him cometh all my salvation*
- 3. Ps. 130:6 *My soul waiteth for the LORD more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning*

B. What is not waiting on the LORD?

- 1. one who is *not concerned* about God & salvation is not waiting on God

- 2. one who lives *in spiritual idleness* is not waiting on God

- 3. one who lives *"I am waiting and hoping for the best"* is not waiting on God

C. What is then *true waiting upon the LORD?*

- 1. a fruit of the Spirit through which your soul clings to God for salvation
 - a. see Job 6:8; 23:8-10; Is. 26:9; Is. 30:15; 40:31

II. What makes such waiting blessed?

A. This exercise of waiting fruit of at work (John 6:45)

B. This exercise of waiting for God will not be in vain

1. Putting your hope upon people is vain: Ps. 146:3-4

2. Putting your hope upon Jehovah – Jesus is never in vain

a. because God will never fail His promises in general Is. 30:15 John 3:15

b. because God will never fail His promises in particular Ps. 27:13; 119:49

Closing Reflections

A. For wise and good reasons God may *wait to fulfil His promise* (30:18a)

Great faith is when we cannot let Him go even though He answers not a word, or when He puts us of or outside. (Matthew 15:21-28)

For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish forever. (Ps. 9:18)