

Isaiah 2:12-22
 God Alone Will Be Exalted In The Day of The Lord

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The Conclusion From The D.O.L.

2:2 Now it will come about that in the last days
 2:11...the Lord alone will be exalted in that day
 2:12 For the Lord of hosts will have a day
 2:17...the Lord alone will be exalted in that day
 2:20 In that day men will cast away...

Conclusion

2:22 Stop regarding man, whose breath of life is in his nostrils; For why should he be esteemed?

Judah Can't Claim They're Exempt!

Isaiah 2:12 For the LORD of hosts will have a day *of reckoning* against everyone who is proud and lofty and against everyone who is lifted up, that he may be abased.

God Brings Low The Work of Man

Isaiah 2:13-16 And it will be against all the cedars of Lebanon that are lofty and lifted up, Against all the oaks of Bashan, Against all the lofty mountains, Against all the hills that are lifted up, Against every high tower, Against every fortified wall, Against all the ships of Tarshish And against all the beautiful craft.

The Near Term "Rehearsal"

Isaiah 7:17 The Lord will bring on you, on your people, and on your father's house such days as have never come since the day that Ephraim separated from Judah, the king of Assyria

Isaiah 37:24 "Through your servants you have reproached the Lord, And you have said, 'With my many chariots I came up to the heights of the mountains, To the remotest parts of Lebanon; And I cut down its tall cedars and its choice cypresses. And I will go to its highest peak, its thickest forest.'"

Man Humbled – God Exalted

Isaiah 2:17-19 The pride of man will be humbled And the loftiness of men will be abased; and the Lord alone will be exalted in that day, but the idols will completely vanish. Men will go into caves of the rocks And into holes of the ground before the terror of the Lord And the splendor of His majesty, when He arises to make the earth tremble.

The Lord Will Make The Earth Tremble

Isaiah 2:20-21 In that day men will cast away to the moles and the bats their idols of silver and their idols of gold, which they made for themselves to worship, in order to go into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs before the terror of the Lord and the splendor of His majesty, when He arises to make the earth tremble.

The Works Of Men Can't Save!

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- Trust in Yahweh = Salvation/Provision
- Trust in Assyria = "Rehearsal Day of the LORD"
- Trust in Baal/Asherah = One day they will hide in the very earth from which they fashioned their idols.

Application

1. We must remember that our works can never save us.

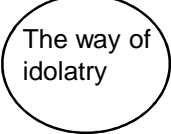
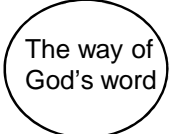
Why Can't Works Save?

Proverbs 19:2 Desire without knowledge is not good, and whoever makes haste with his feet misses his way.

Judges 20:16 Out of all these people 700 choice men were left-handed; each one could sling a stone at a hair and not miss.

Miss the mark = "chahttah"

1. Why Can't Works Save Us?

Works	Grace
 <p>The way of idolatry</p>	 <p>The way of God's word</p>

Isaiah 64:6 For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

1. What Good Are Works?

➤ **Good works are evidence of salvation – not the cause of salvation.**

Philippians 2:12b-13 ...work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Titus 1:16 They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

Application

2. We must remember that Jesus came to save us from the wrath to come.

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2. Jesus Saves Us From His Wrath

Revelation 6:16-17 "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and **who is able to stand?**"

1 Thessalonians 5:2, 9 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night...For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Application

3. We must remember that Isaiah was an authoritative prophet who could announce with certainty what was God's wrath – we are not!

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3. What Can We Claim Is God's Wrath?

Luke 13:1-3...there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. And Jesus said to them, "**Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered this fate?** I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

3. What Can We Claim Is God's Wrath?

- Present calamities = we can't know
- Present unrepentant sin = we can know (Romans 1:18-32)
- The wrath to come = we can know

Romans 2:5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God...
