

Isaiah 5:8-17
Do We Love God Or What Is In
His Hands?

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The Six Woes of 5:8-30

Main Idea: Without faith in Yahweh, nothing stops men from living for themselves.

First two "Woes" (vs. 8, 11): Abuse of the material benefits of life.

Last four "Woes" (vs. 18, 20, 21, 22): Abandonment of the moral and spiritual obligations of life.

Who Owns The Land?

Isaiah 5:8 Woe to those who add house to house and join field to field, Until there is no more room, So that you have to live alone in the midst of the land!

Leviticus 25:23 The land, moreover, shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are but aliens and sojourners with Me...

Key Biblical Concept:

Colossians 3:2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

Colossians 3:5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.



Covetousness = Idolatry!

Lesson 1

➤ **Covetousness, at its core, is when we desire the world more than the King and His kingdom.**

Matthew 6:24 No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

The Land-Hungry Will Become Hungry!

Isaiah 5:9-10 In my ears the LORD of hosts *has sworn*, Surely, many houses shall become desolate, Even great and fine ones, without occupants. For ten acres of vineyard will yield only one bath of wine, And a homer of seed will yield but an ephah of grain.

Israel Becomes "Comfortably Numb"

Isaiah 5:11-12 Woe to those who rise early in the morning that they may pursue strong drink, Who stay up late in the evening that wine may inflame them! Their banquets are accompanied by lyre and harp, by tambourine and flute, and by wine; But they do not pay attention to the deeds of the Lord, Nor do they consider the work of His hands.

Covetousness Leads To Ignorance

Isaiah 5:13-14 Therefore My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge; And their honorable men are famished, And their multitude is parched with thirst. Therefore **Sheol** has enlarged its throat and opened its mouth without measure; And Jerusalem's splendor, her multitude, her din of revelry and the jubilant within her, descend into it.

Lesson 2

➤ **Covetousness blinds people to the knowledge of God and to the reality of their true need.**

Romans 1:28-29 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit...

God's Holiness Lasts, Man's Sin Doesn't

Isaiah 5:15-17 So the common man will be humbled and the man of importance abased, The eyes of the proud also will be abased. **But** the Lord of hosts will be exalted in judgment, And the holy God will show Himself holy in righteousness. Then the lambs will graze as in their pasture, And strangers will eat in the waste places of the wealthy.

Conclusion

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Luke 14:28, 33 For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?...So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

A Challenge

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