



Sermon Notes Isaiah 2:1–5 "If the King is Coming..."

The Current Time vs. God's Time

Isaiah's world was filled with anxiety, especially political anxiety. All of the small nations around Israel were being sacked and sent into exile by Assyria and Babylon, two competing kingdoms. When this happened, the rich and the educated were kidnapped, and then the poor were either killed in battle, ruled over by a foreign power, or moved en-mass to another territory to ensure they wouldn't be comfortable. Everyone was anxious about what would happen, but the truth was that things were already very bad. Israel has forgotten all of their religious distinctives: they no longer exclusively worshipped YHWH, they did not sacrifice properly, the poor were not well taken care of, and their leaders had become totally corrupt.

Isaiah and the people of his world were full of anxiety about the things that were failing in their society and the ways they were certain that things would fail even more catastrophically.

1. How does anxiety about the state of the world influence your life?
2. Read Isaiah 2:1–5 out loud. How does this passage speak to our anxiety about the state of the world?
3. I think that Isaiah 2:1–5 shows a picture of a new government: what does this government look like? How is it different than what we experience now? What do you look forward to most about God's coming kingdom?

Preparing for the Kingdom

4. If a new kind of society and Kingdom is coming, then what should we do about it now?
5. What things distract you from preparing for the kingdom?
 - a. What things distract you from orienting your life around worship?
 - b. What things distract you from following God's law?
 - c. What things distract you from living in peace?
6. Read Romans 13:11–14. What do you need to change about your life to live the way Paul calls us to live here?

