

THE STABILITY OF OUR TIMES.

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INTRO.:

A. Text: Isa. 33:5-6.

B. Regarding the text:

1. In the times of Isaiah (700 B.C.) the kingdom of Judah faced perilous times.
 - 1) The Assyrian army was coming from the north. They conquered kingdom after kingdom.
 - 2) As Assyria drew near to Jerusalem, the people were undecided as to where to turn. (Some wanted to give themselves up; others looked to the south for help from their allies.)
2. Isaiah was sent by God to warn the people and to give them stability even when all seemed lost.
3. The same is true for us today. We need stability and there can be stability --- **IF WE LOOK FOR IT IN THE RIGHT PLACE.**

DISCUSSION: FROM THIS TEXT LET US OBSERVE...

I. THERE ARE UNSTABLE CONDITIONS TODAY.

A. We face many disturbing things in life.

1. Many are **common to every age.** (**Job. 14:1** "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.") Sickness, death, natural disasters, etc.
2. Some are **peculiar to our day and time.** (Threat of nuclear war, financial troubles, Aids, cancer, road rage, drive by shootings, etc.)

B. Unstable times affect all of us in one way or another.

1. Those times can produce anxiety, fear, depression, and a **general feeling of unrest!**
2. These seem to pull joy and happiness from many of us.

C. Yet this is not how God would have us feel in our inner being. There is a promise of stability which God provides in these troubled times. (Outlined in our text.) Phil. 4:7-9 READ.

II. NOTICE THE KEY TO THIS STABILITY.

A. "Fear of the Lord is his treasure." Godly fear is essential to having...

1. Wisdom and knowledge:

- 1) **Pro. 1:7** "the beginning of knowledge"; **9:10** "is the beginning of wisdom." Knowing and properly using God's word.
- 2) To know and do is important! Why? Eternal punishment will be the final abode for those that do not know and obey the gospel (**2 Thess. 1:7-9**).

2. Salvation:

- 1) To be accepted of God we must have fear (**Acts 10:34-35**).
- 2) To attain salvation, we must have fear. **Acts 13:26** "...whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent." **Phil. 2:12** "...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

B. Why is the fear of the Lord so important?

1. **Pro. 16:6** "...by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil." (It motivates and moves us.)
2. **Pro. 14:26** "In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall

have a place of refuge.”

3. **Eccl. 12:13-14** “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”

C. Knowing the power and truthfulness of God should move men to do right which brings stability.

1. God has promised to give us stability in uncertain times.
 - 1) **Isa. 41:10** “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”
 - 2) **Deut. 21:10** “When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.”
2. Never forget... God cannot lie (**Titus 1:2**).

III. CONCLUSION:

- A. God has not promised that all will be smooth --- but He has promised to provide stability in times of difficulty.
- B. God has not promised skies always blue, Flower-strewn pathways, all our lives through; God has not promised Sun without rain, Joy without sorrow, Peace without pain. --- BUT God has promised Strength for the day, Rest from the labor, Light for the way, YES, God has promised Grace for the trials, Help from above, Unfailing sympathy, undying love.