

# The Fall of Man

Text: Isaiah 22:12-25

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**Truth:** Man can ignore God but only for so long. The church has for the most part chosen to skip mourning over sin. Eventually God's patience will run out and man will be forced to face the consequences of their choice. In the end judgment would come on Jerusalem and its rulers no matter how honorable they appeared to be. The old will give way to the new and a Ruler will appear who will accomplish all of God's purposes.

### **III. God's call to repentance is ignored (Isa. 22:12-14).**

While the people have their parties and celebrations, God calls for them to confess and fall on their faces in repentance for their sin.

#### **Recognizing their helplessness against the Assyrians should have motivated the people to mourn over their wrongdoing.**

Instead the people went on with their daily life. God's call to change was ignored. The people's lives were characterized by indulgence instead of godly sorrow.

#### **Their attitude displeased Jehovah, for they did not believe God was powerful enough to save them and keep His word.**

We too live life saying we will make changes yet we continuously go back to living a life without God. How do we know that? Because we say we are going to make changes in our lives on Sunday, but on Monday we are back to fighting, being angry, having a foul mouth, loving pleasure, reading and looking at bad things, being ungrateful, judgmental, and having no time for prayer and God's word.

Is your attitude, "my life will soon perish so I will just live it up?" Perhaps you think, "I have so much life to live, so I will live it for myself for now."

#### **The apathetic attitude would be overpowered by the word of the Lord.**

God will no longer pardon these people for they have completely forsaken His word and not believed in His actions. They have sealed their own fate for death will come with lack of forgiveness.

How serious does God take unbelief? Isaiah writes clearly that God has no room for excuses or willful disobedience. The ultimate damning sin for all generations is the sin of unbelief.

### **IV. The failures of the stewards shows that man's ways all end in collapse (Isa. 22:15-25).**

#### **\*The danger of selfishness and pride**

**Shebna planned one way while God planned another way.**

**Shebna had desired the best of the tombs in the city of God only to be thrown out of the city as a mere man (Young 109-110).**

#### **\*The reward for humility**

Eliakim is called God's servant, an indication that he was humble in conduct and strove to do what was right in his desires and purposes of his heart

Humility is characteristic of the person who is a servant of God.

**\*The danger of favoritism**

Unfortunately, the acclaim that Eliakim received as a well-loved, humble leader resulted in the downfall of his descendants.

**Conclusion**

Shebna and Elkiam, pictures of dishonor and honor, ultimately prove that no man can carry his nation by himself. Some attempt to rise in pride and fall hard. Others humbly rise and end up attracting a following, only to fall as well.

Rev. 3:7 tells us that there is One who will be dishonored yet honor will be due Him. He truly is the Person whose name will be worshipped. Isaiah also writes of this one: Immanuel, the Messiah. He will reign perfectly and the world will flow to Him. The old will be removed and replaced with the new. "Messiah will secure the kingdom and everything in it for Jehovah" (Hailey 188).

**The kingdom will be the true picture of mourning and repentance. The Lord Jesus' call to repentance will and cannot be ignored. God may have been mocked in the past, but just as He judged in the past, He will judge in the future. Those who call out in true mourning and repentance will be blessed.**