

The Divine Actions of God

Text: Isaiah 30:20-33

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I. God waits for His people to rightly respond to His judgment (Isa. 30:20-22).

Truth: When the people call on God and not other nations, He will hear and answer them! When we choose the path of trust and love for Jehovah, the blessings are certain to follow. Though as we have seen the nation will experience great difficulties resulting from their wrong choices, eventually God will bless them.

The hardheartedness will change into humility and a spiritual reverence. The people will again be conscientious of the Lord and His work because their eyes were opened to the truth of God's words (Isa 29:24).

- **V. 21: The people will again listen to the Lord.**

Quote: John Gill says, "The phrase is expressive of a strict and close attention to the word of God, without deviating from it in the least; for every sin, which is a transgression of some command of God or another, is a going out of the way that directs unto"
(<https://biblehub.com/commentaries/deuteronomy/5-32.htm>).

In the past the people had gone down the wrong path but now the people will be shown the true way and they will follow in it. They easily went astray before, but now with the decisive action to follow God, they will go in whatever direction He and the leaders take them.

"So, with eyes to see and ears to hear, the people shall be instructed in the right way and when it is pointed out that they have erred from that way, they will hear and return" (Hailey 258).

- **V. 22: The people will put away their idols. Where once the people defiled Jehovah by worshipping idols, they now would defile the idols by returning to worship Jehovah.**

"They would be like liberated prisoners of war (v. 19). Instead of scoffing, they would listen to God's Word and put away their foolish idols. The land would be restored and become prosperous again, and God would bind up the bruises and heal the wounds of His people (v. 26; see 1:5-6)".¹

II. God showers His blessings on His repentant people (Isa. 30:23-26).

"The light of the seven days of the world's week will be all concentrated in the seventh. For the beginning of creation was light, and its close will be light as well" (Young 363).

III. God protects His people and destroys the Assyrian army (Isaiah 30:27-33).

God will protect His people in Isiah's day as we see now that Jehovah promises to thoroughly defeat the Assyrian army and further weaken the Assyrian empire.

When will the towers fall (v. 25) and the wounds of His people be healed (v. 26)?

Judgment will come from the hand of God and its certainty is based on the name of the Lord Himself. The hand of Jehovah represents all of His being, character, revelation, and deeds.

¹ Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *Be Comforted* (p. 78). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

No longer will the nations have the power to do what they did in the past. Second, God will sift all the nations to their ruin for the purpose of fulfilling His justice and bringing His punitive wrath upon these nations that deserve His judgment. Just as wild horses are held in check by the bits in their mouth, thirdly, God will now hold all the nations of the world in check so they will not be able to flee His judgment.

Israel will celebrate as they approach the mountain and their Holy God to worship Him. The redeemed celebrate the protection and provision that the Rock of Israel had provided for them. Isa. 26:4 note: **Therefore, Isaiah says, let all those who are faithful, trust in Jehovah! Trust in the One who is the True Rock.**

“There is rejoicing not because nations are being destroyed and people are suffering, but because idolatry, wickedness, and cruelty are being judged and the righteous delivered (cf. Rev. 19:1-2)” (Hailey 261-62).

We find a worthy God who is both majestic in power to save and righteous in justice to judge.