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Part 3:

A Lesson from Judah: God-Security vs. Human-Security Isaiah 7-9:7

As we prepare for Advent and the birth of Christ, the first 12 chapters of Isaiah will help us rediscover God and His great plan of salvation which He promised beforehand through the prophets.

Summary of Today's Lesson: The third lesson Isaiah teaches us is our security is to be found in God and God alone. King Ahaz provides us with a picture of how "human-security" leads to idolatry, destruction and death.

1. Rediscovering God means that we put our faith in **God-Security**, not **Human-Security**.
2. God-Security is based on **Promise**. Human-Security is based on **Image**.
3. Human-Security (Image) will always **fail** us; God-Security (Promise) never will.
4. Times of stress, duress, crisis reveal for where our **true security** lies.
5. God's Promises are either a rock to **cling** to (God-Security) or a rock to **stumble** over (Human-Security).

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Getting to Know Me: (these questions are designed to get your group started and build community)

1. What are your plans for Thanksgiving? Do you have any special TG traditions in your family? If so, share them with the group.

Getting Started: (these questions are designed to “prime the pump” and get the group thinking about the teaching on Sunday)

1. What was one principle/idea/thought that stood out to you from Sunday’s sermon?
2. What do you think the difference is between “God-security” and “human-security”?
3. Isaiah challenges us to trust in God’s promises vs. trusting in images (i.e. that which is visible). How do you wrestle with these challenges in your own life?

Digging Deeper: (these questions are “text-based” and designed to help get the group talking about the Scriptures together)

1. **Read Isaiah 7:10-18** – Why do you think God challenged Ahaz to ask for a sign? What do you think God’s deeper purpose in this was?
2. **Read Isaiah 8:11-22** – What does Isaiah say the consequences will be for those who refuse to trust in God? What parallels do you see for this in our own day?
3. **Read Isaiah 9:1-7** – What stands out to you about Isaiah’s description of the future Messiah (i.e. Jesus Christ)? How does this picture of Jesus challenge and/or confirm your own understanding of Jesus? How should this picture of Jesus challenge the American church’s notion of who Jesus is?

Application:

1. What areas are you trusting in “human-security” instead of “God-security”? How do you think Isaiah would encourage you in giving that over to God?