

Moving Toward Redemption, Part 2

Isaiah 7:1-16

- I. Fear Among The Faithful (1-2)
 - A. An enemy approaches
 - 1. Historical
 - a. Syria and Israel (Ephraim) prepare to overthrow Jerusalem/Judah
 - b. They will a new king in it
 - 2. Practical
 - a. We face things that are terrifying all the time
 - b. Things that we don't see any way around
 - B. Present circumstances often cause us to look away from the promise of God in Jesus
- II. What Has Fear To Do With Faith (3-9)
 - A. Shear-jashub: "A remnant shall return"
 - 1. Take this son with you
 - 2. A reminder of God's faithfulness
 - B. A Call To Live By Faith
 - 1. "Do not Fear"
 - a. A constant call in Scripture
 - b. Joshua, David, Jesus to disciples, Paul to Timothy
 - 2. Enemy already defeated (smoldering stumps)
 - 3. God's Word will prevail
 - 4. True, transformative faith drives out paralyzing fear
- III. Faith In The Promised Deliverer (10-16)\
 - A. Call for a sign

- B. A sign is given
 - 1. A woman will give birth
 - 2. Before child knows right from wrong, the threat will be thrown down
- C. The fulfillment in Jesus
 - 1. Matthew 1:23
 - 2. Consider the context
 - a. The people are in oppression from a foreign power
 - b. They are there for a fall into sin
 - c. Their real need is deliverance from themselves and their waywardness
 - d. A woman (virgin) will give birth to a child who will be Immanuel "God with us"
 - e. He is called Jesus "the Lord saves", because he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21)
 - 3. Jesus has come, not just to give a political or national deliverance, but a deliverance of the heart.