

**Why We Need The Word: Both Written and Proclaimed**  
**Isaiah 30:1-17**

- I. The Danger of Rejecting God's Word (1-7)
  - A. A loss of discernment
    - 1. In allies & friends
    - 2. In the pursuit of security
  - B. A misplaced faith/trust
    - 1. A return to a former slave owner
    - 2. Self-imprisonment
  - C. An invitation to public shame
- II. What Usually Replaces the Word (8-11)
  - A. Notice the nature of the Word: written and proclaimed
  - B. Notice the disclaimer: Those in perpetual rejection of the Word as called "false sons"
  - C. Notice the desire of the heart
    - 1. No more "right" prophecy (no more proper diagnosis)
    - 2. Speak "pleasant words" (prophecy illusions)
  - D. What should the message be, according to those who reject the Word?
    - 1. No need to declare a path of righteousness
    - 2. No need to hear of God's holiness, especially as it relates to the person and work of Jesus
- III. The Consequences of Rejecting The Word (12-17)
  - A. Sudden fall and complete ruin (Yes – the Word is that important)
  - B. An offer of faith and repentance that is rejected
    - 1. Trust in the things of this world
    - 2. Failure of the world to satisfy
  - C. A word about the importance of the Word at Sylvania