

# Isaiah 33

12-23-04

*“See the King in His Beauty!”*

## 1. **Intro:**

1.1. **Prayer:** That we would be “spiritually attractive”!

## 2. **See The King in His Beauty! (1-12)**

2.1. **Plundered!** (1)

2.2. This last Woe is against **Assyria**.

2.3. They will reap what they’ve sown.

2.3.1. The plunderers will be plundered. – The traitors will be betrayed.

2.3.2. Is.33:1b NIV *“When you stop destroying, you will be destroyed; when you stop betraying, you will be betrayed.”*

2.3.3. Assyria had received the tribute money from Hezekiah(*King of Judah*), but Sennacherib(*Assyria’s king*) still demanded unconditional surrender(2 Kings 18:14-36 *only narrative in OT 3 x’s*)...*this was treachery!* (or, betrayal/deceit)

2.3.3.1. *But the Lord would be victorious*(1b).

2.4. **Prayer!** (2-4)

2.5. (2) The remnant of Judah appeal to the Lord of help!

2.5.1. When His people are most in need the Lord **rescues** them!

2.5.2. Remember regarding prayer that, *“Listening to God is far more important than giving him your ideas.”*<sup>1</sup>

2.5.2.1. We have waited for You!

2.6. (3) Lord, we know if You speak...they’ll run!

2.6.1. **Q:** *Do you believe that regarding your enemy today?*

2.7. (4) The things they have robbed, will be robbed from them.

2.8. **Praise!** (5,6)

2.9. Like most Psalmist Isaiah quickly turns his **Prayer** unto **Praise**...

Because of **who** He is, & **what** He does!

2.9.1. *“He who does not praise God while here on earth shall in eternity be dumb.”* Jan Van Ruysbroeck (1293-1381)

2.10. **Note:** these are the characteristics of the Messiah.

<sup>1</sup> Frank C. Laubach in Frank C. Laubach, Teacher of Millions. Christianity Today, Vol. 35, no. 10.

- 2.11. **What we learn:** *Praise should never be mindless, but focused on these eternal truths about God.*  
 2.11.1. These are a great strength especially in dark days!
- 2.12. Charles Wesley, “O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise!”  
 2.12.1. Erwin W. Lutzer, “You don't learn to **praise in a day**, especially since you may have been **complaining for years!** **New habits** take time to develop. But you can begin today, and practice tomorrow, and the next day, until it becomes part of you.”
- 2.13. **Peace?** (7-9)  
 2.14. Despite Hezekiah’s tribute \$, no **peace** came of it & Assyria still launched an invasion against them.
- 2.15. **The results:** even the brave soldiers are crying; roads deserted for fear of Assyrians; trade was inhibited; even the land would suffer due to their destructive invasion.
- 2.16. **Patience?** (10-13)  
 2.17. (10) This reminds me of when my dad used to say,  
 “Don’t make me: **Get up!** - **Pull over!** - **Go back there!**”
- 2.18. (13) **Acknowledge My might!** – recognize what **I** have done!
- 2.19. **Purifying?** (14-16)  
 2.20. Sinners shake in fear.  
 2.20.1. Yet the way many people deal with their fears(*like of death*) simply is to not think about it.  
 2.20.2. Henry Ward Beecher, “God planted **fear** in the soul as truly as he planted **hope** or **courage**. It is a kind of **bell** or **gong** which rings the mind into quick life on the approach of danger. It is the soul's signal for rallying.”<sup>2</sup>
- 2.21. (14b) Who can live in the presence of a holy God(*the all consuming fire*) who consumes the godless in fiery judgment?  
 2.21.1. **God is often described by fire!** – {Burning Bush; Mnt. Sinai; Elijah on Mnt. Carmel; Day of Pentecost}  
 2.21.2. Deut.4:24 “**the LORD your God is a consuming fire...**”  
 2.21.2.1. **Fire destroys & purifies!**

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<sup>2</sup> Henry Ward Beecher, Christian Reader, Vol. 32, no. 4.

- 2.21.3. Answer to these questions → see vs.15!
- 2.22. (15) **Those who:** live righteously; speak the truth; reject dishonest business dealings; & avoids evil.
- 2.22.1. Only those **purified** will survive!
- 2.22.2. Holy living is more important than ritual!
- 2.22.3. **Note:** our **thought-life** matters supremely! – Hence the call to stop our ears, & shut our eyes.
- 2.23. (16) Only such a person will **live securely** & have **abundant provisions**.
- 2.24. **Perceiving!** (17-24)
- 2.25. Isaiah looked to the Millennium age.
- 2.26. (17) *“Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.”*
- 2.26.1. And how do you get that pure heart? “You must be **born again** or you cannot, as Jesus warned, “**see** the kingdom of God.”
- 2.26.2. Jesus said, “everyone who **sees the Son** and **believes** in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” Jn.6:40
- 2.26.2.1. This is a **spiritual perception** of Him, different then **common knowledge**.
- 2.26.2.2. Just like the difference between **hearing** about a restaurant that has good Prime Rib, & actually **tasting** it! (**Mission Inn**)
- 2.26.3. 2 Cor.4:6 “**For it is the God** who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has **shone in our hearts** to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the **face** of Jesus Christ.”
- 2.26.4. The more we “see” the king in His beauty, the more the world will fade.
- 2.26.4.1. Just like when the sun rises...all other stars are diminished!
- 2.26.5. **Look unto Jesus!** – How long or how many times can you stare at a flawless diamond? {so many facets, no imperfections, so many colors, so many angles, **it** never grows dim...**He** never grows dim!}
- 2.26.6. **Long more & more to see Jesus!** - Through meditation & contemplation!
- 2.26.6.1. Do you know that you can **know him better** than those who actually saw Him in the flesh, through meditation & contemplation?
- 2.26.6.2. Be overtaken by His **person**, His **work**, His **beauty!**

- 2.27. **Note:** all the “see’s” – (His Land, not his enemy, His Zion, His Jer.)
- 2.28. (18) NIV “Where is that chief officer? Where is the one who took the revenue? (Nat. Treasurer) Where is the officer in charge of the towers? (Defense Sec.)” (i.e. Assyria’s guys)
- 2.29. (19) Foreign enemies will no longer terrorize them.
- 2.30. (20) Never again will Jerusalem be destroyed.  
2.30.1. The City of Peace will finally be...the city of peace! [a quiet home!]
- 2.31. (22) Messiah will be Israel’s **Judge, lawgiver, King, & Savior.**  
2.31.1. You can’t pick a **dog** by how it looks as a **pup!** - **Because all puppies are cute!** (Kelly & Moses)  
2.31.2. Christmas...& yes we celebrate Jesus birth...**BUT, the baby grew up!!!**  
2.31.2.1. What I mean is: many like the idea of a **babe in a manger.**  
**Who doesn’t like babies?...But the baby grew up!** – He is Judge, Lawgiver, & King!  
2.31.3. **Maybe that’s why many are comfortable coming out twice a year to church.**  
2.31.3.1. **Because one time He’s a harmless baby;**  
**And the next time He’s sealed in a tomb!**  
2.31.3.2. **Sorry...but God grew up!** – (And He is Kings of Kings...)
- 2.32. (23) Foreign ships will be looted.  
2.32.1. Even the lame will plunder the foreign ships.
- 2.33. (24) **The nation will be whole physically & spiritually.**  
2.33.1. Because they are a **forgiven** people!
- 2.34. Mt.1:21 “**And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS**(Savior), **for He will save His people from their sins.**”  
2.34.1. **See** vss. 2, 6, 22.