

“MY COUNTRY ‘TIS OF THEE” ... UH, NO IT AIN’T
Isaiah 8:11-22

Last week we examined how King Ahaz failed to wait on the Lord but made plans for an unhealthy alliance with a neighboring pagan nation. In chapter 8, God turns his attention to the people of Judah who, like their king, are caught up in the political machinations of the time. They have failed to consult and place their trust in the Lord their God. God is offering the people of Judah another chance—how they respond will determine their experience of him moving forward.

How to Fully Experience the Goodness of God:

1. Find your **SECURITY** in **THE THINGS OF GOD** .

He will be a holy place... v14

Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. “Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don’t get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes. Matthew 6.33-34 (The Message)

2. **STUDY** and **LEARN** the ways of Jesus

Consult God’s instruction... v20

3. Learn **PATIENCE** and live in **HOPE**

I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the descendants of Jacob. I will put my trust in him. v18

The **ATTITUDE YOU TAKE** toward God will determine what aspect of him you will experience.



What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?