

God's Judgment on Assyria - Isaiah 10:5-19

Topics: Accountability, Anger, Comparisons, God's Will, Heart, Help, Idolatry, Injustice, Intentions, Judgment, Justice, Oppressed, Power, Pride, Punishment, Purpose, Rebellion, Sickness, Slavery, Understanding, Wealth, Wisdom

Open It

1. How have you seen power affect people?
- * 2. How do you feel when someone else takes credit for something you actually did?

Explore It

3. Against what nation did Isaiah declare God's judgment? (10:5)
- * 4. For what purpose did God use Assyria? (10:5-6)
5. How did the king of Assyria overstep the purpose for which God raised him up? (10:7)
6. How did the king of Assyria see himself in relation to all other nations and their gods? (10:8-11)
- * 7. What did God promise to do with the king of Assyria after He had used him to His own ends? (10:12)
- * 8. How did the king of Assyria flatter himself about his accomplishments? (10:13-14)
9. What was the king of Assyria's boast? (10:13-14)
10. To what inanimate tools did God compare Assyria? (10:15)
11. What calamities would be part of God's judgment against Assyria? (10:16-19)
12. How is figurative language used to describe God? (10:17)

Get It

13. What would have happened if the Assyrians had feared God?
- * 14. What attitude should we have if we find ourselves in positions of authority where we discipline others?
15. In what current international crises might God be using secular rulers for His own purposes?
- * 16. What makes people want to take credit for things they didn't actually do themselves?
17. What options are open to you if someone unjustly takes credit for some of your accomplishments?
18. What are the inherent dangers in considering God just one of many "gods" in this world?
19. Why might we experience a sense of exhilaration at the downfall of someone who has abused his or her powers?

Apply It

- * 20. How would you summarize a recent accomplishment, giving proper credit to God and to yourself?
21. What steps could you take to make sure that the purposes you have set for yourself in the immediate future are in line with God's will?
22. What do you want to remember the next time an enemy comes to ruin or embarrassment?