

Moving Toward Redemption, Part 3
Isaiah 7:17-25

- I. Ahaz, The Fearful (a recap of 7:1-16)
 - A. Syria and Israel were attempting to wage war on Judah
 - B. Ahaz and the people were afraid
 - C. They lacked faith
- II. Why Such Extreme Punishment on Fearful Faithlessness? (7:17; cf. 2 Kings 16)
 - A. He lacked faith – but so do many
 - B. He was afraid – but so are many
 - C. The rest of the story
 - 1. Idolater (2 Kings 16:1-4)
 - 2. Child sacrifice (2 Kings 16:3)
 - 3. Offers servanthood to Tiglath-pilser (2 Kings 16:5-9)
 - 4. Allows foreign king sacrifice in the place of God's place of worship, even to the point of "renovating" the worship area (2 Kings 16:10-20)
 - D. Ahaz wanted the king of Assyria instead of the Lord; so, he received the king of Assyria
- III. The Totality of the Judgment (7:18-25)
 - A. The armies that come will swarm like insects (7:18-19)
 - B. The enemy will bring public shame to the nation (7:20)
 - C. The enemy will devastate the land and its produce (21-25)
 - D. The judgment will touch:
 - 1. Freedom
 - 2. Well-being

- 3. Reputation
 - 4. Society as a whole
- IV. Things To Consider
- A. God is just: if a man desires idolatry and worldly power, then that man receives all that the world brings – including its pain
 - B. The greatest fear a man has should be of God's justice, and this should lead to repentance, not greater rebellion
 - C. Often, the thing we want the most is precisely the thing that is worst for us
 - D. A deliverer is coming and a remnant will be saved. That remnant will consist of those who have faith and are repentant.