

A Matter of Faith
Isaiah 31:1-9

- I. The Historical Situation
 - A. Judah sought out Egypt's help in overcoming the Assyrians
 - B. Why Egypt?
 1. Strong horses
 2. Plenty of chariots
 3. Mighty soldiers
 4. But – they were godless oppressors
 - C. Look to the Lord
 1. Wisdom (2)
 2. Surety of His Word (2)
 3. Justice (2-3)
 4. Strength and might (4-5)
 - D. A call for repentance and faith (6-7)
 - E. A promise of deliverance from oppression (8-9)
- II. The Theological Reality
 - A. What do we “trust” in besides the Lord?
 1. Resources & wealth
 2. Intellect and theological training
 3. Culture, tradition, and heritage
 4. Present circumstances and social influence
 - B. True faith is more than mental assent and tweaked affections: it is transformative
 - C. Why we can and should trust the Lord
 1. He is wise
 2. He is true
 3. He is just
 4. He is mighty
 5. He is God