

The Prophets Look Forward

Read Isaiah 2:2-5; 30:19-21; 33:5-6; 59:21

In the Old Testament prophecies, God's judgment on His people is never the end of the story. When they reject God's wisdom and judgment comes and does its work, what then?

- Isaiah 2:2-5 – The day will come when all nations will delight in God's word and go to God's house together to seek His wisdom.
- Isaiah 30:19-21 – God will not turn away from them forever. He will show Himself to them and guide them:
Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." (Isaiah 30:21, NIV)
- Isaiah 33:5-6 – God will fill His people with justice and righteousness and will be their stability no matter what comes. God Himself will be a wealth of wisdom among His people.
- Isaiah 59:21 – God's Spirit and His word will stay among His people forever!

God's wisdom was beautiful and perfect, but in their weakness, His people lacked the strength to obey it. The law was not flawed. The people were flawed in their sin. But when they were helpless, God took it upon Himself to make His wisdom more than external rules imposed on them, more than facts stuffed into their brains. He didn't leave His wisdom at the mercy of their human weakness.

"I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." (Jeremiah 31:33, NASB)

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances." (Ezekiel 36:26-27, NASB)

God's wisdom is still more than external information. It is not at the mercy of our weakness. It has been embodied in Jesus Christ. His Spirit lives within us and enables us to walk in His perfect wisdom. It is no longer just a set of rules. It is a living, breathing, powerful personality that makes us who God wants us to be as we trust Him. We can know and live God's wisdom by simple faith.

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