

Isaiah: A Prophet for Our Time  
The Implications of a Sovereign God  
Isaiah 34:1-17

We tend to live the way we want to live, and we will rationalize our choices accordingly. Our American individuality and the democracy-based republic in which we live lends itself well to everyone doing what is right in his own eyes. The autonomy of the individual is championed in our society so much so that we are beginning to see the consequences of a general lack of respect for authority.

1. A sovereign God stands against those who stand against Him.
  
2. A sovereign God stands against those who stand against His people.
  
3. A sovereign God acts as He pleases with equity and justice.

Those who have trusted in Christ have been forgiven, and in that forgiveness, they have been rescued from the wrath of God. We need to be reminded of just how terrifying it will be for an unsaved person to stand in judgment before a holy God. This reminder should serve as a catalyst for urgency in the way we advance the gospel among our friends and family members and in the way our church participates collectively in the Great Commission as we take this urgent plea for people to trust in Christ to the nations.

Reflection

How do the chapters throughout the Bible that warn of God's coming judgment actually display God's grace and patience towards His creation, especially His enemies? How is Edom both a historical nation and a representative one? Read Malachi 1:2-4, Romans 9:10-13, And Hebrews 12:16. What does Esau/Edom represent throughout the Scriptures? When you read Isaiah 34:9-10, what image comes to mind? What does God's scroll represent in verses 16-17? How is it comforting that God has carefully determined the details of human history and written them in his book? How do these verses prepare us for the Second Coming of Christ?