

Title: "Your ears shall hear a word behind you"

Text: Isaiah 30

(I) THE FOLLY OF ISRAEL

- 1. Their rebellion (Isaiah 30:1a; 9)**
- 2. Their counsel (Isaiah 30:1b)**
- 3. Their plans (Isaiah 30:1c)**
- 4. Their refusal to seek God for advice (Isaiah 30:2b)**
- 5. Their rejection of the seers/prophets of God (Isaiah 30:10-11)**
- 6. Their despising of God's word (Isaiah 30:12)**

(II) THE LONGSUFFERING OF GOD

1. In offering solution after solution

*"...In returning and rest you shall be saved:
In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." **Isaiah 30:15***

2. In waiting for Israel to make the right response

*"Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you;
And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you.
For the LORD is a God of justice;
Blessed are those who wait for Him." **Isaiah 30:18***

a) God waits for man!

- i) Graciousness of God
- ii) Mercifulness of God
- iii) Justice of God
- iv) Exaltation of God

b) Man should wait upon God!

Great blessings in store!

(III) BLESSINGS PROMISED TO THOSE WHO WAIT UPON GOD

1. Sensitivity to our cries

"...He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry;

When He hears it, He will answer you." **Isaiah 30:19**

2. Availability of teachers amidst severe trials and tribulations

*"And though the LORD gives you
The bread of adversity and the water of affliction,
Yet your teachers will not be moved into a corner anymore,
But your eyes shall see your teachers.*

*Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying,
'This is the way, walk in it,'
Whenever you turn to the right hand
Or whenever you turn to the left."* **Isaiah 30:20-21**

- a) God's gift of teachers of His word
- b) Their good and competent advice