

Isaiah  
Chapter 30

v. 3-- We just get confused when we listen to other men. They don't mean to turn us wrong, but only God knows what's best for each of us.

v. 4-5-- Some people tend to use each other for profit and be ashamed of each other.

v. 6-- We go through a lot of trouble, and spend time, money, and energy getting advice from other people.

v. 7-- No people can really help us. "Their strength is to sit still"--still means to come to an end. They certainly have not the strength or knowledge of God. We must give our lives to Him and let Him run them!!

v. 8-- Sometimes it's easier for us to go our own way and close our eyes and ears to God's truths--His demands--even though we think that we love and trust Him. In Luke 11:23, Jesus said, "He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth", and again, in Rev. 3:14-17, He speaks of people who don't do His work on earth"...So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth." We must give ourselves totally to His work, this doesn't necessarily mean a profession of God's work, but working for Him is internal. Living in the Fruits of the Spirit, using the Gifts of the Spirit, and not letting Satan have his way with our lives or the lives of those around us.

v. 12-14-- As we go about our lives on our own understanding, instead of God, life becomes more and more difficult, until we are broken --we reach the end of our rope--"he shall not spare--shall not be found--- a sherd---" A sherd is a dish of pottery. We must be completely broken of ourselves and have not a big enough piece of ourselves to rely on--we must realize we're made of tiny pieces, each worthless of ourself, and He puts us together into a vessel. We are dearly loved by Him and pricelessly valuable in His eyes, but we must see our value that way and not of ourselves. (See Jeremiah 2:13)

v. 15-- "In returning and rest shall ye be saved"--How beautiful!! This sums up the whole idea of God's plan and the message of His Word! We must get back to simply trusting Him! Jeremiah 6:16 speaks of this beautifully also, and is probably what Jesus was quoting when He said "I am the Way..", and "Come to Me...and find rest for your souls". (See John 14:6, and Matthew 11:28-30)