

Isaiah
Chapter 30

v. 16-- But so many people can't see that. They still rely on their things--they "flee on horses". Whenever we flee from a total oneness with God, we leave an opening for Satan in our weakness, and he will come on a swifter horse than our personal horse, without the strength of the Lord.

v. 17-- As we rely on our own strength, individually, and as a church, Satan will overpower more and more and we, without the strength of the Lord, will flee, and take what he gives us, until we are brought down low, and realize how alone we are, and how vulnerable to him. (In Jesus we can "make 1,000 flee," but alone, we flee. [Deut. 32:30].)

v. 18-- But God is always waiting for us to come to Him. The word for "have mercy" is a powerful word! It means, fondle, to soothe, to cherish, to love deeply. We can't imagine how deeply God loves us. It is a love we can't produce or experience of ourselves, without experiencing it from Him, and getting a revelation of it from Him. Once we know that, we will trust Him totally.

v. 19-- He is waiting for us to turn to Him and He will answer with His wonderful Agape Love!

v. 20-- And though adversities come into our lives, we will see these things for what they are--Teachers--our trials are teachers to make us turn to God and praise Him for everything He does for us. They are not given by God. He doesn't give us illness, etc. That all comes from Satan, but once we've stood on the victory in the situation, we can use the situation as a learning process. We shouldn't "push them into the corner", but use them to strengthen our faith and further our commincation with God.

v. 21-- And, as we praise Him for the victory in these situations, we will hear His direction and He will guide us in solving the problems we face.

v. 22-- The things of this life will become less important as we experience the Glory of God and keep our eyes on Him.

v. 23-- When we give Him our foremost attention, we will experience His joy and peace, and we will sow our faith seeds for others, and others will feed on our faith and be saved.

v. 24-- Others will benefit from our faith, which has been cleaned by our trials. The Lord makes our relationship with Him more strong and pure with each trial in life, and others can benefit from our more purified faith. (winnowed...)