

Worship Service December 8, 2019 Pastor Bruce Adrian

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Lesson One · Isaiah 7:1-25 The Sign of the Savior

One of the Biggest Questions in Life

On what or in whom are you trusting? What is the source of your confidence, hope, and security, especially in a crisis?

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

God's Message Then and Now

Stop trusting in <u>YOURSELF</u>, stop trusting in the alliances you can make, and start trusting in <u>GOD</u> alone.

"If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all." Isaiah 7:9

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God's Intervention

- God's <u>COMMAND</u>: Don't be afraid, only believe.
- God's <u>PROMISE</u>: The plans of man will fail.
- God's <u>WARNING</u>: There is grave danger for unbelief.

3. God Gives a SIGN That He Can Be Trusted! (vs. 10-16)

The Sign

- > God offers Ahaz an opportunity to ask for a sign to convince him, but he <u>REFUSES</u> it with hypocrisy.
- > The sign of Immanuel is God's <u>PROMISE</u> that He is with us and that He can be trusted in the crisis of life.
- 4. Whatever We Trust Instead of <u>GOD</u> Will Prove Ruinous! (vs. 17-25)

5. The Sign of Immanuel Is <u>FULFILLED</u> in the Birth of Jesus! (Matthew 1:18-23)

The Key Question

On what or in whom are you trusting, especially in times of crisis?

The Key Lesson

Immanuel, "God with us," has come in the person of Jesus Christ! So STAND FIRM in your faith in God, or you won't stand at all.

The Sign of the Savior

1. Times of <u>CRISIS</u> Reveals What We Are Trusting! (vs. 1-2)

The Crisis

- > A <u>FAITHLESS</u> grandson of King Uzziah named Ahaz.
- > A <u>FEARFUL</u> attack from an alliance between Israel and Syria.
- > A <u>FOOLISH</u> solution to find security through submission to Assyria.
- 2. Only God Can Provide HOPE in Times of Crisis! (vs. 3-9)