

## **In Spite Of....**

**Isaiah 7:10-16**

### **Sermon Outline**

#### **A. Overwhelming Circumstances (vs. 10-12):**

1. Jehovah – The Lord who has all authority and power who relentlessly seeks to have a relationship with us; He spoke to Ahaz.
2. Spoke again to Ahaz – The One who is always in control did not remain silent. He adds these words to what He already said to Ahaz through His prophet Isaiah.
3. Said – What God was saying to Ahaz was verbally communicated through Isaiah.
4. Ask a sign – Isaiah advised Ahaz to entreat the Lord for His counsel
5. For yourself from the Lord; Jehovah – To press the Lord for guidance should not be a concern, he is always in control and has the authority to direct and control all circumstances.
6. From the Lord your God – Ahaz can seek God because He has a covenant relationship with him.
7. God – The Lord is the One who created all things; He is sovereign over the entire earth and reigns as Judge overall.
8. Make it deep as Sheol or high as heaven – God knows everything, He is omniscient.
9. Ahaz said – Ahaz made a point to communicate to Isaiah what he desired to do.
10. I will not ask – Ahaz told Isaiah he would not seek God's counsel or direction in the manner that Isaiah directed him.
11. Nor will I test the Lord – Ahaz, by refusing to prove God's intent in the matter may have offended God.

12. Jehovah – The person he does not want to offend is the One who has all authority and power.
13. I will not ask – Even though things seem chaotic we must remain before God.
14. I will not ask – Although He may seem God absent, God is still in control.
15. I will not ask – God is always available to us; we must remember He has a plan.

## **B. Trust God's Word (vs 13-15):**

1. Then he said – Isaiah was assertive in his response to Ahaz.
2. Then he said – Ahaz's reluctance to talk to God did not prevent God from talking.
3. Listen now – Isaiah commanded Ahaz to pay attention to what was being said so that he would fully understand what needed to be done.
4. Then he said – Sunday after Sunday, God continues to talk to those He love.
5. Listen now – God knows our pain, but also knows His plans, so He needs us to listen.
6. Try the patience of men – What Ahaz was seeking to do by forming an alliance with Assyria made people physically and psychological weary or discouraged because of who Assyria was.
7. Try the patience of God – What Ahaz was seeking to do by forming an alliance with Assyria, especially since he refused to seek the wisdom of God, causes to God to become weary.
8. Try the patience of God as well – It is not good to ask God to wait for us to work out our own plans.
9. Try the patience of God as well – Ahaz's plans caused a nation to suffer.
10. Try the patience of God as well – God is long suffering, but His plans will prevail
11. Try the patience of God as well – Telling God we are not ready does not mean God is going to wait.

12. Lord (Adonai, not Yahweh) – Even though Ahaz did not seek the counsel or direction from the Lord, the Lord who is mighty, powerful and has all authority still provides direction because He consistently seeks to have a relationship with His people.
13. Given you – The Lord is generous; He will activate a sign and place it in Ahaz's presence. This generous gift will last forever.
14. The Lord will give you – At the right time, God will execute His plans; He will do what He said.
15. The Lord – Notice He used Lord; He is emphasizing that it is God's desire to have a relationship with us. Even in our disobedience, He still makes a way out of no way.
16. The Lord – Lord is used here. This emphasizes how God still includes us when He is moving forward.
17. Behold a virgin – The sign will be specific and will clearly show what God is going to do.
18. Behold a virgin – When the Lord acts, the impossible becomes a reality.
19. Called the name Immanuel – The name is describing a specific person who is comprehensive in His nature.
20. Curds of honey – The Kings decision brings devastation; Christ became poor to make us great.
21. At the time He knows – Based on Jewish culture at the time, Christ must have a full experiential knowledge of good and evil.
22. Refuse evil – Even though Christ is at the age where He can freely exercise a free will He will despise evil.
23. Evil – Evil represents a bad, unethical, immoral, inner negative attitude to the standards of God. Christ, Immanuel does not have this inner nature.
24. Chosen – Christ willfully and carefully makes prudent decisions to obey God's will.
25. Good – Christ's decisions are always excellent and essentially good for everyone.

26. Behold a virgin – The Lord, He is the One that rescues us.

## **C. He Reigns (vs. 16):**

1. Before the boy know – Before Christ has a full experiential understanding (speaking of Christ in his humanity) of what is excellent, beneficial, unethical or what violates the will of God (meaning Christ is fully a child), all the kings that are negatively impacting Ahaz will be gone.
2. Before the boy know – Christ determines the length of our trials.
3. Refuse to choose good and evil – Christ, like Ahaz, has a free will but unlike Ahaz He does what is best for us.
4. Whose two kings you dread – The two kings that caused Ahaz to be severely distressed and irritated would be no more.
5. Whose two kings you dread will be forsaken – Overwhelming circumstances will end when God says it is finished.
6. Forsaken – Their lands would forever be exposed and neglected.
7. Forsaken – Ahaz was needlessly worried. God had it under His control; it was just a matter of time.
8. Whose two kings you dread will be forsaken – God is so powerful He can declare victory In the midst of overwhelming circumstances.
9. Whose two kings you dread will be forsaken – Satan is a roaring lion, but God controls the forest.