

SHAMEFUL GAITY

Isaiah 30

INTRODUCTION:

Ours is a materialistic age. The example in an early edition of a popular (Encyclopedia) the subject "Atom" received four lines, while five full pages were devoted to "Love".

In the 1956 edition "Atom" gets ten and a half pages, while "Love" in the abstract does not even rate mention.

"So much we miss  
if love is weak, so much we gain  
If love is strong. God thinks no pain  
too sharp or lasting to ordain  
To teach us this."

H. H. Jackson

Gaiety has well neigh robbed us of any conscience on sin or wrongdoing.  
Attitude toward sin.

Remember the little old lady who wouldn't eat ice cream because she said,  
"anything that good couldn't be right!"

Someboy said Ice Cream Sundaes originated in Evanston, Illinois. The straight-  
laced Methodists would permit the serving of plain ice cream on Sunday, but to whip  
up a fancy soda was sin. So the soda clerk dished out plain ice cream and put  
chocolate sauce over it, and it came to be known as a "sundae" because it was only  
served on Sunday.

We smile at this -- we make too light of sin. Sin is the actual experience of  
people. The Prodigal Son parable is being lived out by millions of people in  
experience.

The dangerous Gaiety Season is upon us. Summer is time of greater risks - joy  
riders - fishing folks - sun worshippers - surfers - swimmers - take great physical  
risks. Spiritual risk: pleasure boats, beaches, campers, and the plague of pure  
laziness overcome millions.

Many of these things can be good for us on certain occasions.

Often - help us miss out on God's best. Kill our spiritual habits of going to church. "Let us not neglect our church duties and meetings, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the Day of His Coming Back again is drawing near. (Heb. 10:25 - Living letters).

Isaiah 30 - Speaks to this condition -- shameful gaiety. Heart of the chapter is -- they were depending upon Egypt instead of upon God!

Living in gaiety their reliance shifted to the world (Egypt Type). Prophet has four things to say:

- I. Shaky Counsel 1-7.
- II. Sermon Printed 8-17.
- III. Signs of Grace 18-26.
- IV. Shameful Conclusion 27-33.

#### I. Shaky Counsel 1-7.

Verse 1 - Woe for seeking aid of Egypt.

Not consult with God -- not willing to take his counsel? How is this to be understood? There is the counsel of the Bible, the Prophet or preacher, the church or Christian body, conscience through prayer.

Not seek God as a Friend - Took shaky counsel! *True since JARDEN of Eden - Adam & Eve Rejected God's WILL AND took the guidance of SATAN!*

What was the sin labeled?

"Rebellious" - persistently disobedient. Add sin to sin - make bad worse.

"Web" - cover - covenant with death. *Billy Graham - Booth "World Aflame" - speaks of the Earth as "A PLANET IN REBELLION" - He means by this The people.*

Verse 2 - Trust Egypt - Friend strength in the power of Pharaoh.

Shadow of Pharaoh vs. Egypt in place of shadow of God.

Verse 3 - Shame predicted. Expectation. *Foolish for weak man to set himself in defiance of Almighty God!*

Verse 4 - Ambassadors of King Hezekiah.

Zoan - Root meaning "to strike tent" - as Nomadic tribe. As Tabernacle - "Shall be taken down". Good name for this world - characterized by "removals". "Here we have

no abiding city".

Contrast - Jesus - "In my Father's house are many mansions" - abiding homes,  
Egypt and Zoan opposite. Hebron - "Communion" - harmony. Joseph was sent by his  
father out of the Vale of Hebron to serve his brethren. Jesus came out of the joys  
of the Father to seek us as his brethren.

Hebron built seven years before Zoan. Messengers foolish to leave Hebron and  
go to Zoan.

They make further progress to Hanes - Occurs no where else in Scripture. Could  
mean flee from grace. Path ambassadors took away from grace. Left their sure help.

Isaiah did not preach for entertainment. Egypt or Jehovah God - Flesh or Spirit  
- Sight or Faith.

Verse 5 - Shameful Gaity Proclaimed.

Confidence in false help - Be shameful.

Ambassadors did not feel this shame - experience would create this feeling.

Ashamed plus Assyrians would reproach them with their trust in Egypt.

Could not help or profit.

Verse 6 - Beast of South - Egyptians.

Train going south, burden bearing beasts loaded with riches. Perils of the  
desert do not hinder (snakes, lions). To bargain for military help. *Economic Aid given  
by America!*

Not profit - give away their wealth.

Expecting much from man and little from God.

Verse 7 - Boaster who does nothing - zero help.

## II. Sermon Printed - 8-17.

Verse 8 - Prophet not only spoke of this shame but he states he must write it  
down. Preaches, and writes it down in a book.

To our shame we do not pay attention to this sermon!

Reason He was to write - for us - warning others lest they fare the same.

Trust Egypt or Jehovah.

People of that time hated the preached word. Listen to a soothing lie only smooth things. For the time will come that they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts will heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears, and they will turn away their ears from the truth, and be turned unto fables".

2 Tim. 4:3-4. Call them, pay them their paid servants.

Paid no attention to Noah.

Write it down Isaiah - it is true - truth will stand - for ever and ever.

He put it in print - what did he say about their shameful gaiety of trusting in the flesh?

Verse 9 - A. Rebellions.

Against their convictions - lying to their children.

Against Divine authority - law. Disobedient.

Verse 10 - B. Disrespectful to the Prophets.

Plain truth - see not.

Understood as they wished.

Love darkness.

Did what they could to stop the prophet from preaching.

Tormented him - those that discount good preaching are

justly counted as rebels against God.

Prophet told them their sins and faults. Warned of judgment - misery.

Wanted it smooth and agreeable with their opinion.

Prophet stood in their way of sin - Angel in Balaam's road with the sword of God's wrath drawn.

Insulted - Go around or push him aside.

Prophet told them of a Holy God and he would reckon with sinners.

Tried to bargain.

Verse 11 - C. Taken Wrong Path.

Rebuked them for unholy living - My Brother is  
this your route?

Verse 12 - D. Corrupt Pattern of Living.

Despise the Word.  
Trust in Fraud - Riches, gifts.

Sermond next noted what this iniquity produced!

Verse 13 - A. - Open to Destruction. Wall.

Wall they are leaning upon has the one prop knocked out. Trust in, fall at a  
moment - wall - bulge - about to fall. You have seen a wall bending - slowly falling.

Verse 14 - B. - Rendered Useless - Vessel.

Ruin - Only good when whole - dashed - crushed in pieces.  
Like bloodless, Christless religion - vain hope. Publican and harlot found hope.

Verse 15 - C. - Refused Faith.

Conditions of Salvation stated - No improvement on God's remedy - clear terms.  
Sin to peace - Labor to rest - shameful gaiety to trust. Dr. DeLitzsch - Translates this  
verse "Through turning and rest ye would be helped; your strength would  
Must return from evil way - going to Egypt. Show itself in quietness and confidence"  
Would you find rest? A <sup>^</sup>CALL from self chosen way to wait confidently upon the Lord.

Contempt for this remedy - refused his counsel. Crisis after crisis arises -  
*No formulas for solving the world's problems - Billy Graham quotes Premier Red China  
chow EN-LAI "the colored people of the world outnumber the white 12 to 1."*

Verse 16 - Flee - Think wiser than God. Ride with Egypt. "Let's wipe them out."  
Military Forces - Ride upon Faster Horses -  
Race Horses!

Verse 17 - Few left - Cut off.  
DIPLOMACY - Trusting in Economics - SLOGANS - New Deal, Fair Deal, New Frontier,  
Like one lone pine on a mountain top. Such reduction. Trust society - since Los Angeles  
riot, 30 million dollars poured into Watts, Now crumbling of open clash between Negro & Mexican of  
area. Aid to INDIA AND Pakistan, no love on their part for billions of dollars aid,  
Indonesia, Subarno, reaction to mobs burning libraries built with American money

III. Signs of Grace - 18-26. Said, "That we could take our economic aid & go to hell!"  
The masses of people who receive it scarcely know  
whose hand it is that is feeding them,  
I think we should help feed some  
God waiting to have mercy upon their sinful souls. but these aids are not enough  
to cure the disease.

Jehovah <sup>is</sup> waiting for the time when he can show His favour once more,  
and blessed are they who meet His waiting with their own waiting!  
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God will deliver - A promise - Babylon never be rebuilt Ch. 13. Nineveh  
desolation, Moab dust, Jerusalem everlasting dwelling for the Jew.

Death and resurrection of Jesus evidence of mercy on this city.

Verse 19 - Very Gracious to Jerusalem.

Those sincere in tears have cause to joy.

Verse 20 - Lord gives them bread of affliction.

His people knew he would not be indifferent. He was teaching. Chastisement.  
Hidden teacher - affliction.

Prophets were hidden by fifty in a cave. I K. 18:4.

Verse 21 - Guide them with conscience.

Prophets, delitysch says "as the shepherds of the flock would follow the people  
with friendly words of admonition".

Small voice - inner light - built-in directional signal.

Not born with a static conscience - developed - instructed - learns obedience.

Hears the external voice.

(Holy Spirit) makes known God's will.

Paul spent 2 years in Arabia learning new principles.

Piffant Hindu said to British Administrator in India "our consciences tell us to burn  
our widows on the Funeral pyres of their husbands!"

Englishman replied, "Our consciences tell us to hang you if you do!"

Indian - Conscience "A three cornered thing inside me. When I do wrong it turns  
round and hurts me very much. But if I keep on doing wrong it will turn so much  
that the corners become worn off and it does not hurt me anymore". (Zwemer).

This is the way - why go to Doctor if not do what he prescribes. Why go to  
college if not study?

Forks in the road - puzzling - Jesus never leads down wrong road. Spirit will  
whisper, this is the way! Perplexities - he will direct.

Verse 22 - Get Thee behind me Satan.

Reversal - complete - in the Soul.

Verse 23 - God will co-operate with the shameful soul.

Sow - He sends rain.

Provides Food.

Spiritual fruit - sow, cultivate, serve in the church - harvest time will come!

Verse 24 - Faithful oxen that pulls the plough will eat clean fodder.

Winnowed with shovel, clean.

Verse 25 - Natural irrigation.

Verse 26 - Heavens express favour. More glorious. Light shall increase.

Moon light be as sunlight.

Light of Truth - shine - earth full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea. Increase of truth.

#### IV. Shameful Conclusion - 27-33.

Verse 27 - Day of Vengeance - Prediction of ruin of Assyrian Army.

Messenger comes from Heaven. Fire - Lava - New Mexico.

Verse 28 - Sieve

For separating wheat and chaff.

Lead to destruction - some religious men are so up to date they will "believe a lie". Do not be over-anxious to be "up to date".

Verse 29 - Song - Deliverance from Egypt. Assyria 185,000 die one night.

Passover song.

Verse 30 - Fire - All elements of a storm used to express terror.

Verse 31 - Enemy - Transient rod, used.

Verse 32 - Remnant - joy.

Verse 33 - A shameful conclusion for the sinner - type.

Tophet - place of burning. Sacrifices offered to Moloch. Josh. 7:25.

2 K. 19:35.

Valley of the Sons of Hinnom. 2 K.23:10.

Gehenna - Scene of Little babies offered to tribal diety.

Lake which burneth with fire- - Mark 9.

Ordained - Hezekiah, receptacle for dead bodies - fire kept burning - brimstone.

Breath of the Lord - action - prepared for disobedient. Matt. 25:41.

Gehenna - Saxon word "Hell" - Ge-meaning Valley and henna - Hinnom.

*Depart from me  
ye cursed into  
everlasting Fire*

Whole word "The Valley of Hinnom". Josh. 15:8.

Stagnation - No outlet.

Rev. 20:14. Vile - horrible filth - repellent.

*"And Death & hell were cast into  
the lake of fire. This is the second Death."*

Do you wonder Jesus shrinking in Gethsemane? Agony - sweat - blood.