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Hardened Hearts to the Father's Love

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Depending on oppression to accomplish their plans (Psalm 12:5)

Deceit is their means of manipulation (Ephesians 4:14-15)

Destruction will happen to them, they will be suddenly & mercilessly shattered
(I Thessalonians 5:3)

Children: whose Father longs for their return (15-18)

Receive His offer of rest (Matthew 11:28)

Salvation is offered (Acts 16:31 / Romans 10:13)

Strength will be provided (Deuteronomy 33:25 / II Corinthians 12:9)

Reject and you will flee (Hebrews 10:26-27)

Rising to show compassion – learn to WAIT (Ezekiel 18:32 / Isaiah 40:28-31)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 30:1-18

What resources do people turn to that sometimes prove to be harmful? (Proverbs 28:26 / Colossians 2:6-8 / II Chronicles 28:16-23)

What is it about the Bible that makes it so controversial? (John 14:6 / I Corinthians 1:20-25 / John 7:7)

Why should we be concerned about many of the predominate voices of our culture? (Matthew 12:33-37 / John 8:42-47 / I John 4:4-6 / Revelation 21:8)

The choice before us all is clear. Why do so many refuse to choose Jesus? (Deuteronomy 30:11-19 / Joshua 24:14-15 / I John 5:10-12 / II Corinthians 2:14-16)

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Children: who are obstinate (1-7) – ***a description of all of us, at least some of the time***

Determined to do their own thing (Proverbs 16:25 / Ephesians 4:17-19)

Please Lord, do not let me go my own way – consider the book of Judges (Jdg. 21:25)

Depending on the wrong resources (I Corinthians 1:8-9)

Man's wisdom and/or strength cannot protect or sustain us

Children: who will not listen (8-11) – ***teaching would be so much easier if students listened***

Written message will be a witness against them (Deuteronomy 31:19-22)

We have the message by which we will be judged (John 12:47-48)

Wanting no more of the truth (Ezekiel 33:31-32 / II Timothy 4:3-4)

His Word is truth (Jn. 17:17) – “my mind is made up, don't confuse me with facts”

The impact of relativism being taught in our culture – “your truth & my truth?”

Children: who reject His message (12-14) – ***we must hear and obey (Matthew 7:24-27)***

Depending on oppression to accomplish their plans (Psalm 12:5)

When my “truth” won't sell – those in power resort to other means (socialism)

Deceit is their means of manipulation (Ephesians 4:14-15)

A lie told long and loud enough does not make it truth (evolution/climate change)

Destruction will happen to them, they will be suddenly & mercilessly shattered

(I Thessalonians 5:3) – ***we should have concern for those who buy the lie***

Children: whose Father longs for their return (15-18) – ***God's heart (II Peter 3:9)***

Receive His offer of rest (Matthew 11:28) – ***“O what needless pain we bear”***

Salvation is offered (Acts 16:31 / Romans 10:13) – ***the gift of God to us***

Strength will be provided (Deuteronomy 33:25 / II Corinthians 12:9)

He always provides what is needed each day – don't borrow trouble (Mt. 6:34)

Reject and you will flee (Hebrews 10:26-27)

There is no forgiveness unless it comes from the One whom we have offended

Rising to show compassion – learn to WAIT (Ezekiel 18:32 / Isaiah 40:28-31)

God is always ready – He allows us to wait to build our trust in Him

Discussion questions for Isaiah 30:1-18

What resources do people turn to that sometimes prove to be harmful? (Proverbs 28:26 / Colossians 2:6-8 / II Chronicles 28:16-23) ***Probably the most common resource we turn to is ourselves. We imagine that we don't need any help, that we can trust our own heart and our own ability. We sometimes look to experts to help us. (which is fine if you want your car fixed correctly or you want a trained surgeon to perform an operation) But wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord, and those who reject God are unlikely to offer wise counsel (Ps. 1:1-2)***

What is it about the Bible that makes it so controversial? (John 14:6 / I Corinthians 1:20-25 / John 7:7) ***The Bible claims to be the only way to know the true God and His plan of salvation. This makes all other religions false. The Bible claims to be the only true source of truth and wisdom. This makes the teachings and philosophies of men false. The Bible claims to be the measure of morality, defining what is right and what is wrong. This exposes the actions of men to be sin.***

Why should we be concerned about many of the predominate voices of our culture? (Matthew 12:33-37 / John 8:42-47 / I John 4:4-6 / Revelation 21:8) ***Their words comes from corrupted hearts and God will hold us accountable for every word spoken. Their beliefs come from the father of lies, and are thus influenced by this world system. (Eph. 2:1-3 / I Jn. 2:15-17) It is not possible to understand God's truth without having God's Spirit. (I Cor. 2:14) We should be concerned for the souls of those who are led astray by false beliefs and teachings.***

The choice before us all is clear. Why do so many refuse to choose Jesus? (Deuteronomy 30:11-19 / Joshua 24:14-15 / I John 5:10-12 / II Corinthians 2:14-16) ***Choosing whom we will serve is truly a life or death choice. (that is eternal life or death) The pride of mankind – thinking that we are somehow smarted or better than our Creator. The pleasures of sin that corrupt us and lead us to addiction that we refuse to let go of. Sometimes it is a wrong perception of who God is that makes people afraid to trust Him. We are to be the aroma of Christ – but that will be the smell of death to those who refuse to repent.***