

Isaiah 30:1–7 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, That take counsel, but not of me; And that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, That they may add sin to sin: 2 That walk to go down into Egypt, And have not asked at my mouth; To strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, And to trust in the shadow of Egypt! 3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, And the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion. 4 For his princes were at Zoan, And his ambassadors came to Hanes. 5 They were all ashamed of a people that could not profit them, Nor be an help nor profit, But a shame, and also a reproach. 6 The burden of the beasts of the south: Into the land of trouble and anguish, From whence come the young and old lion, The viper and fiery flying serpent, They will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, And their treasures upon the bunches of camels, To a people that shall not profit them. 7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: Therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still.

[vs. 18] And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, And therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: For the LORD is a God of judgment: Blessed are all they that wait for him.

SERMON NOTES

Check Your Ears | Isaiah 30:1–21

Main Idea: Spiritual sickness begins when we stop listening to God, even when He is speaking.

1. The Symptom — They Hear, but Don't Listen [Is. 30:9–11]

- Judah didn't stop listening because God _____ speaking; they stopped because they didn't like what He _____.
- They didn't want to hear the truth because they weren't interested in _____ the truth.
- Selective hearing: They wanted sermons that _____, not ones that convict. **They'd rather feel good than get well.**

Takeaway: The symptom of spiritual sickness isn't hardness of hearing—it's _____.

2. The Diagnosis — Pride & Misplaced Trust Has Stopped Up Their Ears [Is. 30:1–2, 2 Kings 18]

- Even good plans can become sin when they are pursued without _____.
- Pride doesn't always look like arrogance; sometimes it looks like _____.
- Trusting in worldly solutions to solve spiritual problems leads to _____ (v. 13–14).
- Judah trusted in _____ instead of God.

Modern Parallel: Many people today put ultimate trust in political parties, legislation, or activism to solve deep societal problems, rather than acknowledging God's sovereignty or following His principles.

3. The Cure — Return, Rest, and Listen Again [Is. 30:15, 18, 21; Ps. 46:1, 10; 2 Chr. 20:17]

- God's invitation:
Return — turn from sin and return to the Lord → _____
Rest — trust Him fully and stop running to worldly solutions → _____
- Verse 18: Blessed are all who _____ for Him.
- Verse 21: "Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, _____."

Application: The cure isn't to do more. It's repentance & faith. Stop running to the world and start waiting on God.

God still speaks to us today through His Word, are you listening?