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## Devotions by The Youth: **ISAIAH 7-13**

### Isaiah 8:10

Devise your strategy, but it will be thwarted; propose your plan, but it will not stand, for God is with us.

### Observation & Application

People around us may demotivate you and bring you away from the Christian faith. We see the persecution of Christians and how much effort people have put into defying and rejecting the Christian faith.

**NEXT WEEK'S SERMON**  
October 6, 2024  
Lessons from how Jesus talks to the Samaritan woman  
John 4:1-26  
Preacher  
**Arnold Lim**

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**The Christian faith isn't easy, for it will feel like it's you against the world. However, the encouragement is that you know the One True God is by your side.**

Romans 8:31 says "What then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

This is both a comfort and an encouragement for me; it may seem that the evil ways are succeeding, but in the end, God will prevail.

### **Prayer**

*Dear God, how almighty You are! You've never left us nor forsaken us. I pray to find strength and confidence from You whenever there comes a time when I will be tested for my faith. I pray I will not let my fear take control over me, for You will stand above everything else. Amen.*

### **Scripture**

*Isaiah 13:12-13 – "I will make people scarcer than pure gold, more rare than the gold of Ophir. Therefore I will make the heavens tremble; and the earth will shake from its place at the wrath of the Lord Almighty, in the day of his burning anger.*

### **Observation**

The whole passage sounded like a nightmare, describing what would happen to Babylon. These verses depicts the true wrath of God; just as how easily He made us, He can easily remove us

### **Application**

But yet, He has shown us mercy and grace, forgiving us every time we have sinned. However, it doesn't mean that we take His mercy for granted. It is important to remember that God's wrath is real and powerful.

### **Prayer**

*Dear God, You are a powerful God, yet You have been patient and kind towards us. Our human hearts are weak and we will always fall short. Thank You for your mercy, giving us numerous chances again & again. Amen.*



### **By Joelle Chong**

Joelle serves in the Youth Ministry and attended a discipleship group under Sarah Searle. Joelle is currently overseas for tertiary education.

## Isaiah 7:10–12

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### Observation

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### Application

- When I see things getting out of hand, from my pov, it will always look like a huge fire. But from where God sees it, it's nothing, maybe just a small little dot.
- But it doesn't mean that He doesn't care about me getting hurt by the fire. Rather, it should be my faith that is secure in Him, that I can walk through the fire without any harm. Because if I don't stand firm in my faith, then am I really standing?

### Prayer

*Dear Lord, I pray for my country. Nothing is looking fine, today things just feel worse than usual. But I know Lord that You are in control. Even though my surroundings are all flames, I place my trust, my faith, and my hope in You. I pray that I am able to stand firmly in my faith, knowing that things are okay, and not that things are getting worse. AMEN.*



### By Amanda Lim

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# Prayer for the Prayerless

- Lord, forgive me for persisting in prayerlessness. I confess that I do not really want to cry out to you for deliverance. That I prefer not to acknowledge my dependence on you to save me again and again from my evil desires, selfishness and deceit.
- Lord, forgive me for not seeking you in prayer. I confess I fail to trust in you, Almighty God and your promises. Your promises to work for the good of your people, to transform to holiness. Your commitment not to leave or forsake your people.
- Lord, forgive me for seeking your glory. I confess that I rather not align my passion, desire and will with yours. That I lack the love to see your name held high through the salvation of all peoples on earth.
- Lord, I need the healing balm of the gospel. Only you can save me from the pride of prayerlessness. I could never pray enough to be right. I pray that I will become prayerfully dependent and trusting through the powerful name of Jesus.

