Introduction

- The enemy, Satan has a plan.
  John 10:10
- The world has a plan.
  2 Corinthians 2:12
- Your flesh has a plan.
  Romans 8:7-8
- God has plan.
  Jeremiah 29:11; Ephesians 1:3-5

Isaiah 30

Woe: trouble, misfortune, woe, evil, sorrow

Egypt: _______________________________

DiSC Personality Theory

D – work!
I – fun!
S – peace!
C – rules!

Pharaoh: ____________________________

God’s warning through Isaiah, He warns us that we SHOULD NOT:

... carry out plans that are not God’s
... form an alliance not of His Spirit
... go down to Egypt without consulting God

... look to Pharaoh for help nor to Egypt’s shade for refuge

Isaiah 30:1-5 Woe to the obstinate children, declares the LORD, to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin, who go down to Egypt without consulting me; who look for help to Pharaoh’s protection, to Egypt’s shade for refuge. But Pharaoh’s protection will be to your shame, Egypt’s shade will bring you disgrace. Though they have officials in
Zoan and their envoys have arrived in Hanes, everyone will be put to shame because of a people useless to them, who bring neither help nor advantage, but only shame and disgrace.

alliance:
a union between people, groups, countries, etc.
a union in which people agree to work together
the state of being joined in some activity or effort

alliance in Hebrew: a covering, a web or a veil

Why do we go down to Egypt?

1. We go down to Egypt because our heart is afraid. verse 2

“God is more interested in changing your thinking than in changing your circumstances. He wants you to have the same attitude as and the very mind of Jesus Christ (see Philippians 2:5-8). To pull that off is a miracle larger than splitting oceans or tossing mountains into them. It is akin to raising the dead. Yet this is the daily occupation of the Spirit – leading us into all truth, reminding us the things of Christ taught, taking the things of Christ and making them known to us again And this is the one area above all where we are urged to keep in step with the Spirit – to move in the direction he’s moving so that, seeing differently, we are free to live differently (see Galatians 5:22-25)” - Mark Buchanan, The Rest of God

2. We go down to Egypt because our pace of life is haste. verse 15-16

We don’t consult God because our harried pace does three things:

- Makes us undisciplined in going to Him habitually.
- Keeps us distracted from going to Him regularly.
- Forces us to remain distant from Him chronically.

The Greeks believed that time had two faces; one was sacred and the other profane. There was CHRONOS time and KAIROS time.

“Karios is the servant of holy purpose.” – Mark Buchanan, The Rest of God

3. We go down to Egypt because of our impatience in waiting on God. verse 18
“Don’t just do something, stand there.”

4. Ultimately, we go down to Egypt because of our old patterns of thinking. verse 20,21

Isaiah 30:19-29

- Freedom from strongholds and idols
- Plenty of what is needed
- Healing for the soul
- A song in the night and gladness of heart
- Ability to hear God’s voice

“Isaiah 30:21 is about the still, small voice Elijah discovered, that quiet voice that cannot be heard in the hustling, bustling and scheming to which we are so vulnerable. What a joy it is to take a significant portion of time to be quiet before God, for it is then that we hear His word in our ear, saying, ‘Go right’ or ‘Go left.’” - Jon Courson, Old Testament Application Commentary

“We follow a Savior who calls himself the Word and yet we are such bad listeners.”

– Pastor Dan Nold

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV 1984) He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. “Chronos betrays us, always. It devious the beauty it creates. But sometime chronos betrays itself: it sits in us a long for Something Else – Something that that the beauty of things in time evokes but cannot satisfy. Either we end up as the man in Ecclesiastes did: driven, driven, driven, racing had against chronos, desperate to seize beauty but always grasping smoke, ashes, thorns. Seeking purpose and finding none, only emptiness. Or we learn to follow the scent of eternity in our hearts. We begin to orient toward Kairos and start to sanctify some of our time.” - Mark Buchanan, The Rest of God
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For Further Study
Isaiah 31:1 (AMP)
Mark 8:35-36
Romans 8
Romans 10:17
1 Corinthians 1:27-28
1 Corinthians 2:4-12
2 Corinthians 1:18, 22-27
2 Corinthians 4:4-7 and 3:18
Ephesians 1:3-5
Hebrews 4:11-16