Isaiah 10 & 11:1-5  4-13-04

“El Gibor/Mighty God!”

1. **Intro:**
   1.1. Paul – Pioneers. (property in Belize)
   1.2. Israel Trip -

2. **MIGHTY GOD!** (Ch.10)

2.1. Divine Discipline! (1-4)
2.2. (3) What will you do in the day of punishment?
   2.2.1. “What will you do when he comes for you?” (bad boys, bad boys!)
   2.2.2. Prepare to meet your Maker!
      2.2.2.1. Amos 4:12 “Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!”
   2.2.3. These are great questions for people, for us!

2.3. (3b) Where will you leave your glory?
   2.3.1. Or, where will you deposit your wealth for safe keeping?
      2.3.1.1. Ps.49:17 “For when he dies he shall carry nothing away; His glory shall not descend after him.”

2.4. Assyria’s Pride! (5-19)
2.5. (5) His Rod & His Staff won’t comfort you! (if you’re not one of His!)

2.6. (15) All who forget that they were made by, & are subject to their creator will fall.
   2.6.1. He gives these examples: When I received jury duty this year & then was picked for service. We finally found the man guilty for the manufacturing of Methamphetamines.
      2.6.1.1. As I headed up the jury, it was my pen that signed the final piece of paper that went to the judge, declaring him guilty.
      2.6.1.2. Could my pen rise up & say, “look what I have done for society!”?
      2.6.1.3. The one who uses a pen, club, or ax, has power over it!

2.6.2. Q: Relate this verse to your Christian service as an instrument in the hand of God!
2.6.3. Q: Do you sometimes forget your humble role?

2.7. (16) A wasting disease.
(19) Their army would vanish like trees in a forest fire.
2.8.1. Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, was conquered by Babylon in 612bc.
2.8.2. Nations may boast, but God has the last word. (almost as comical as the officer on Iraqi TV...“They are not even in our country!”)

2.8.3. Imagine Nathan, who God told to deliver a stinging rebuke against David & his sin, imagine him starting up a “Ministry of Rebuke”?
2.8.3.1. “Since God used me so clearly in this way...I now see I have this gift!”
2.8.3.2. God might you to be an instrument of rebuke in someone life...don't enjoy it!!!

2.9. **Returning Remnant!** (20-23)

2.10.1. Introduced in Deut.10:17.

2.11. **Tall Trees!** (24-34)

2.12. (25) Ps.30:5 “For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.”

2.13. (26) The same God who delivered the Israelites in the days of Gideon & Moses will do it again!

2.14. (28-32) This described the Assyrian assault in 701bc.
2.14.1. Sennacherib began his march towards Jerusalem, stopping at Nob (possible Mount Scopus), w/in the sight of the sacred city of Jerusalem.
2.14.2. But God stops them. Then depicts them as a lofty tree that is cut down, felled w/a terrible crash, illustrative of the 185,000 Assyrians that were struck dead(37:36).

3. **NETZER!** (Ch.11)

3.1. **Little Shoot!** (1-5)

3.2. (1) Yes, the transition is intentional.
3.2.1. While Assyria will be cut down like a tree in the forest, a shoot will sprout from the Davidic kingly tree.
3.2.2. Cutting down the Davidic tree was Babylon.
3.2.3. The sprouting of the stump is Messiah.

3.3. **Branch** - God cuts down the tall trees(10:33,34) & builds a great kingdom from a tiny shoot!
3.3.1. **Explain** olive tree not like regular trees – can’t cut & see rings, because it doesn’t grow from the inside out.

3.3.2. **Netzer** – branch, shoot.
   - 3.3.2.1. Messiah from David’s line(Jesse’s son)
   - 3.3.2.2. This is how 2 Sam.7:16 is able to be fulfilled, “And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you(David). Your throne shall be established forever.”

3.3.3. **Show** - both trees in Gethsemane.

3.3.4. **Nozri** – Christian(m)
   - 3.3.4.1. The Jews call us today “Notsreem”, we are “off shoots of Christ!”
   - 3.3.4.2. We are a chip off the ol’ block; we are tapped into the root system.
   - 3.3.4.3. Jn.17:23 "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one;"
   - 3.3.4.4. See Ps.52:8,9.

3.3.5. Now how about a situation in your life, where it seems the tree of your life has been chopped down, & now the stump is only an inch high…is there hope in your situation?
   - 3.3.5.1. **Israel’s exile**(death of a nation) – New life(brought back to the land & future promise to keep it)
   - 3.3.5.2. **Christ’s death** – New life(res.)
   - 3.3.5.3. **Our Spiritual death-to-self** - New life(born again)
   - 3.3.5.4. **Death of a dream**– New life(new dream)

3.4. **(2) The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him** –
   - 3.4.1. Rev.(1:4, 3:1, 4:5, 5:6) – The 7 spirits?
   - 3.4.2. His ministry was always in the spirit.
   - 3.4.3. **Samson** knew, **David** knew, **Gideon** knew, when the power of the Spirit enabled them to undertake special tasks given to them.
   - 3.4.4. The Spirit’s work is seen in a blend of power & wisdom.
   - 3.4.5. Q: Isn’t this a great prayer for our counselors?
   - 3.4.6. Q: Isn’t this a great prayer for yourself personally?

3.5. **(3) Oswald Chambers said,** “God never gives us **discernment** in order that we may **criticize**, but that we may **intercede**.”