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Do you realize, Beloved, that when you reject God, when you refuse to take Him at His word, when you refuse to believe Him and live accordingly, that you're turning yourself over to the destroyer? Why? Because if you don't walk in faith you can't please God. And if you can't please God you're not going to stand. You're going to self-destruct. You don't want that. We'll talk about it today.

PART ONE

Hello Beloved, Beloved of God. I wonder do you know that you are Beloved of God? Do you know that if you have believed Him, if you have taken the sign that God gave to Ahaz, the sign to the house of David that a virgin would be with child and that she would have a son and His name would be Immanuel (See Isaiah 7:14), if you have taken that sign and embraced it, that truth, that precept of life, you have come into the family of God and you are Beloved of God? Do you realize that? But do you also realize that that is just

the beginning? You're saved by faith, but you are to be maintained by faith. You are to be sustained by faith. Habakkuk says that **"...The just will live by...faith...."** (Habakkuk 2:4 KJV) And Romans says that he's **"...not ashamed of the gospel..."** of Jesus Christ. Why? Because **"...in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written...."** (Romans 1:16-17) And he goes back and he quotes Habakkuk chapter 2

"...As it is written, the just shall live by faith." (Romans 1:17, KJV)

What is our subject this week? What is the precept for life that we want to get into our heads while we study the whole counsel of God, while we study this awesome book of Isaiah? It's this: that you and I are to live by faith.

[And if we will not believe we will not last.] (PARAPHRASE Isaiah 7:9)

Now we have come to a portion in Isaiah chapter 7. He has just given us, Isaiah 7:14, the sign of Immanuel, "God with us." That sign is not fulfilled immediately, but rather it is a sign to the house of David that transcends centuries. But now we come back to the very present. And if you have read Isaiah chapter 7 as I have told you in your free study guide, and if you haven't downloaded it I want to ask you, what's wrong with you? What's wrong with you, Beloved? Here is something absolutely free that you can download so that you can discover truth for yourself, so that you can go deeper with God and build your faith because **"...Faith comes [by] hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ."** (Romans 10:17) You can build your faith. You can understand that you're Beloved. You can know how to live. And you haven't done it? Get with it. Just go to "preceptsforlife.com", "preceptsforlife.com" and download the study guide on Isaiah. All right, now, Isaiah chapter 7, he says, **"He..."** speaking of His son **"...will eat curds and honey at the time He knows enough to refuse evil and choose good. For before the boy will know [how] to refuse evil and choose good, the land whose two kings you dread will be forsaken."** (Isaiah 7:15-16) Here you are and you are dreading these kings, and I have told you already that they are not going to last. And their lands are going to be forsaken.

Doesn't it remind you of what we saw in Isaiah chapter 2, verse 22? **“Stop regarding man, whose breath...is in his nostrils...,”** and listen to God. (Isaiah 2:22) Believe God. You will find that when you don't believe God, in a sense, you're self-destructing. You're self-destructing because you're not walking by faith. And God will not be pleased with you and God cannot bless you. And so he's going to tell them what's going to happen as a result of this. He says, **“The Lord will bring on you...,”** remember he's talking to Ahaz. When you study the Bible you want to ask the five W's and an H, who, what, when, where, why and how. To whom is he speaking? And who is saying it? Well the Lord is saying, **“The Lord will bring on you [Ahaz] on your people [Judah and Jerusalem] and on your father's house such days as have never come since the day that Ephraim separated from Judah....”** (Isaiah 7:17) It's going to be a terrible time. Who is he going to bring? The king of Assyria. Now just stop. Remember your map. Remember down here is Israel on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. You go straight up, you hit Lebanon. You move over to Syria and then you move more to the east and you've got this kingdom of Assyria. It's Assyria that conquers Aram, which is Syria, and who comes down and takes the Northern Kingdom captive. And you know what he's saying? He's going to come south and he's going to come after you. And when he comes after you, it isn't going to be pleasant. And he's coming after you because you did not believe. Remember our key verse in verse 9. **“...If you will not believe, you surely shall not last.”** (Isaiah 7:9) You surely will not be established. And so he's talking about what's going to happen when the king of Assyria comes down. It says, **“In that day the Lord will whistle....”** I wish I could (makes whistling attempt) you know. It says, **“...The Lord will whistle for the fly that is in the remotest part[s] of...Egypt....”** Okay. And He's gonna whistle and the fly is going to come up from Egypt and then it's going to come from **“...the bee...in the land of Assyria.”** (Isaiah 7:18) Do you know the Assyrians were bee keepers? And so He's saying, “I'm going to

bring them against you.” In that day, **“They will all come and settle on the steep ravines, on the ledges of the cliffs, on...the thorn bushes and...all the watering places.” (Isaiah 7:19)** In other words, you’re gonna see them all over. They’re on the edge of these thorn bushes. They’re on the edges of the cliffs. They’re going to be all over you, all over you and it isn’t going to be pleasant. **“In that day the Lord will shave with a razor...,”** and watch what he says, **“...hired from [the] regions beyond the Euphrates (that is...the king of Assyria)....”** Because you have the Euphrates River over here to the east of Syria and over to the east of Israel and over to the east of Iran and then in that area by the Euphrates you have the land of Assyria. And he says, “They are going to come against you.” He’s going to shave **“...the head...the hair of the legs...it will also remove the beard.” (Isaiah 7:20)** It is a shame. And whenever you see them conquering, you see them using this idea of shaving them and getting rid of the hair which is a sign of their masculinity. And it says, **“...it will also remove the beard. Now in that day a man shall keep alive a heifer and a pair of sheep.”** You say that sounds pretty good. Unh uhn, it’s only one heifer, no bull, no babies, and a pair of sheep. And it says, **“And because of the abundance of...milk produced he will eat curds, for everyone that is left within the land will eat curds and honey.” (Isaiah 7:20-22)** Now “left within the land”, remember, we double underline every geographical location. So he’s saying some of them are going to be taken out of the land. Those that are left in the land are going to eat curds and honey. Now it sounds pretty good unless that’s all you eat day after day after day after day after day, curds and honey, curds and honey, honey and curds, you know. Honey, give me the curds. Honey, I’m tired of the curds. Okay, so they’re eating honey and curds. Why so much honey and curds? Because the heifer doesn’t have a baby and the sheep don’t have babies so they’re producing a lot of milk. But you know what? There’s no wheat, there’s no barley, there’s no grapes. Why? He says, **“And it will come about in that day...,”** verse 23, **“...that**

every place where there used to be a thousand vines, valued at a thousand shekels of silver, will become briars and thorns.” (Isaiah 7:23) Who’s going to eat briars and thorns? It says, **“People will come there with bows and arrows....”** (Isaiah 7:24) They’re hunting. They’re looking for food, but they aren’t going to get the food of the land. They’re trying to get the wildlife that is coming in also looking for food. It ain’t a good time, just in case you’re not getting the point. It says, **“As for the hills which used to be cultivated with the hoe, you will not go there for fear of briars and thorns; but they will become a place for pasturing oxen and for sheep to trample.”** (Isaiah 7:25) And sheep are known for ruining the land. They just over and over and over and they make ruts and they eat the roots and that’s it. **“Then the Lord said to me, ‘Take for yourself a large tablet and write on it in ordinary letters: Swift is the booty, speedy is the prey. And I will take [for] Myself faithful witnesses for testimony, Uriah the priest and Zechariah....’”** (Isaiah 8:1-2) What is he doing? God’s got a message for Uzziah to deliver to the people. And you know what? It’s not a good message because the message is **“...Swift is the booty [and] speedy is the prey....”** (Isaiah 8:1) In other words, hey, they’re coming and there’s no stopping them. So what are you going to do? We hear terrorists are coming and there’s no stopping them. What are we going to do? We’ll give you the answer in just a minute.

PART TWO

Reject the Savior and you get a destroyer. Remember that’s what we’re talking about. We’re talking this week about living by faith. And you and I need to understand and never forget that, **“Faith comes [by] hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ...,”** by the word of the Lord. (Romans 10:17) God has spoken and He has written it down and we have it here in a book. And that’s why on **“Precepts for Life”** you and I are going through God’s book; book by book, chapter by chapter, verse by verse, because

when you and I are listening to this book, Precious One, we are listening to the very words of God. And they are Spirit and they are Life and they perform their work in you if you will believe. So what does God tell Isaiah to do? He says, [I want you to get a big tablet and I want you to write on this tablet, “Maher-shalal-hash-baz,” which means, swift is the booty, speedy is the prey.] (PARAPHRASE, Isaiah 8:1) He says, “I want everyone to know, I want the house of David to know what happens.” **“...If you will not believe, you...[will] not last.” (Isaiah 7:9)** Now what is he doing? He’s bringing this message to the people. Now, I want you to stop and reason with me for a few minutes. I want you to think. I don’t want to disconnect Isaiah 7 and 8 from the rest of the book. Remember in Isaiah chapter 1 through 5 the people have rebelled against God. They have despised the word of the Lord. They have despised the Holy One of Israel. And because of their lack of knowledge they are going into exile. Well, it’s happening in chapter 7 and 8. It is prophesied and it is about to happen. Okay, now we come to chapter 6 in Isaiah and it’s like it’s a dead line on a heart monitor. Everything’s dead because they’re not believing God. Then all of a sudden, whoa, it bleeps way up. And it bleeps way up because [Isaiah sees God. He sees that He is holy. He sees his sin. He confesses his sin. The seraphim take burning coals off of the altar. They touch his lips. They take away his sin. They tell him, “Your sin is taken away.”] (PARAPHRASE Isaiah 6:1-7) He hears the Lord say, “Who will go? Who will I send?” **“...Who will go for Us...?”** And Isaiah says, **“...Here am I. Send me!” (Isaiah 6:8)** [And he says, “Okay, go and bring this message. You keep on hearing, but you’re not hearing. You keep on seeing, but you’re not seeing. You’re not believing. You’re not understanding.” And Isaiah says, “How long am I supposed to speak to people like this?” He says, “Until there’s no one left in the city, until every house is deserted. And I want you to go and I want you to know that] (PARAPHRASE Isaiah 6:9-13) **“...It [Jerusalem] will...be subject to burning, [again, but] the holy seed is its stump.” (Isaiah 6:13)** There is a

remnant. Okay. But what I want you to see now is Isaiah is doing exactly what he told God he would do. He's coming to Ahaz. He's coming to the house of David. Ahaz represents this. Ahaz will not believe he's not going to last and yet Isaiah is to bring the message. And Isaiah is to make the message very clear. Thus in chapter 8, **"Take...a...tablet [Isaiah] and write [Maher-shalal-hash-baz] Swift is the booty, speedy is the prey."** (Isaiah 8:1) And call in my two **"...faithful witnesses...Uriah...and Zechariah..."** (Isaiah 8:2) And this is when he talks about it. This is Zechariah of Uzziah's day. It's not Zechariah who we have in the Bible as a book. So he does this. And then in verse 3 it says, **"So I approached the prophetess, [his wife] and she conceived and gave birth to a son. Then the Lord said to me, 'Name him [Maher-hala], Maher-shalal-hash-baz."** (Isaiah 8:3) And you try it. **"...Swift is the booty [and] speedy is the prey."** (Isaiah 8:1) **"For before the boy knows how to cry... 'My father' or 'My mother,' the wealth of Damascus [Syria up here, Aram] and the spoil of Samaria [right to the north of Jerusalem] will be carried away before the king of Assyria."** (Isaiah 8:4) The king of Assyria is going to conquer Aram. The king of Assyria is going to conquer the northern kingdom. He's going to take them away. You can read about this in 2 Kings chapter 15, verse 29 and 2 Kings chapter 16, verse 9 and it is about the year 733. So this prophecy opened up in 734. Now it's about 733. And he's saying, "Before this boy, Maher-shalal-hash-baz, knows how to cry 'my father or my mother' this is what will happen." And then it says in verse 5, **"Again the Lord spoke to me further, saying."** (Isaiah 8:5) But before I go further I want to show you something. I would take verse 4 and I personally would put it with chapter 7, verse 15. In chapter 7, verse 14 you have the prophecy, the sign, a virgin shall conceive. And then it talks about a sign, a boy that is going to **"...eat curds and honey [and] at the time He knows...to refuse [good] and evil [ah before he's old enough to do that then] the land whose two kings you [fear] will be forsaken."** (Isaiah 7:15-

16) So it seems like when we come to this boy, right after Isaiah 7:14, it seems to parallel with Maher-shalal-hash-baz. It seems to parallel with “this is the son of the prophetess.” And it’s a prophetess because she’s got a message in her son. Now she has two sons. They have the son ah ah which is “Shear-jashub”, which means “a remnant shall return,” and they have the son now, “Maher-shalal-hash-baz; swift is the booty and speedy is the prey.” In other words, something’s going to happen and it’s not going to be good and it’s going to happen suddenly. So now watch what follows this. **“Again the Lord spoke to me further, saying, ‘Inasmuch as these people have rejected the gently flowing waters of Shiloah and rejoice in Rezin and the son of Remaliah; now...the Lord is [going] to bring on them the strong and abundant waters of the Euphrates, even the king of Assyria and all his glory....’ (Isaiah 8:5-7)** And it talks about how [it’ll rise up, how it’ll come over the banks, how it’ll go in, how the king of Assyria is going to go into the northern kingdom and take care of their enemy, but he ain’t gonna stop. He’s gonna come down and he’s gonna get you, and those waters of the Euphrates are gonna come right up to your neck until you think you’re gonna drown.] (PARAPHRASE Isaiah 8:7-8) Why? You’re gonna fall over. You’re gonna drown. You’re gonna go down into the water. Why? Because, Precious One, because you rejected the gentle flowing waters of Shiloah. Now what is he talking about? He said, “You turned from your faith and your trust in God and you turned to the arm of flesh. You chose, instead of deliverance, you chose a destroyer. You would not believe and you will not last. And what you thought was going to save you is going to destroy you.” Think on that.