

## ***“The Mystery of Answered Prayer”***

*The Power of God's Promises #8*

Isaiah 30:1-19

**Isaiah 30:19** (NASB) *O people in Zion, inhabitant in Jerusalem, you will weep no longer. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you.*

This begs some questions:

1. Who are the people and why are they weeping?
2. What is that 'cry' about?
3. Who is this person hearing and responding to the cry?

Who are these folks?

1. They are r\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 30:1).
2. They make plans (and they aren't God's).
3. They make alliances (and they aren't of the Spirit).

*Why?* They run to Egypt to seek s\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_. v.2

Result: They PILE \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

- No one is proud of them.
- They are no help.
- They pass through a land of “d\_\_\_\_\_ and a\_\_\_\_\_”.

### **Hitting Rock Bottom**

How does the prophet Isaiah describe “rock bottom”?

- Sons who refuse to l\_\_\_\_\_. v.9
- Who say “Speak to us pleasant w\_\_\_\_\_”. v.10

*“The poets round here don't write nothing at all.  
They just stand back and let it all be.”  
Jungleland, Bruce Springsteen*

- They desire illusion v.10
- They are sick of following Jesus v.11
- They trust in oppression v.12
- The collapse is coming v.13 “Therefore this iniquity will be to you like a breach about to fall, a bulge in a high wall, whose collapse comes suddenly in an instant...”

**Reality:** He never ceases longing for you. Who or what do you long for?

**Isaiah 30:18** (NASB) *Therefore the Lord [YHWH] longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.*

### **When we long for him...(v. 19)**

The Prophet says:

1. You will w\_\_\_\_\_ no longer.
2. He will surely be gracious at the sound of your cry.
3. When he hears it, he will answer you.

Then...

1. Eyes: Your eyes will behold your Teacher. v.20
2. Ears: Your ears will hear a word behind you. v.21
3. Feet: You will know which way to go as He will lead you.
  - a. See your Teacher.
  - b. Take action – scatter that junk!
  - c. Speak in power – “Be gone!”

### **Ask, Seek, Knock**

**Matthew 7:7-8** (NASB) *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”*