

From Failure to Faith Isaiah 33 Outline

This passage is for people who haven't been trusting God. For those who, despite their best efforts, have made a wreck of their lives. It's for people who have treated God like a backup plan—placing Him on the back burner, and only reaching out when things have gone too far. It's for those who have been striving for self-salvation, only to realize they desperately need a Savior outside themselves.

Moving from failure to faith requires genuine repentance.

Two steps in finding genuine repentance:

1. Trust God.
 - A refusal to trust God always stifles true repentance. When we cling to our own schemes, our hearts harden, and the only path to life—the mercy of God—remains out of reach.
2. Look honestly at our brokenness.
 - In God's economy, failure and brokenness are not obstacles—they are essential. It is precisely in our weakness, in our inability, that God's power shines most brightly.

When we trust Him, confront our brokenness honestly, and witness the Lord rising to save us, we see that our only true boast is in Christ Himself.

Renewal/Sanctification:

- God wounds our consciences so that we see our sin, even as He heals that same wound with His forgiveness.
- Christ must capture our hearts, becoming beautiful to us in a way that overshadows everything else.
- Our present enjoyment of God is sufficient to sustain us through life's challenges until that ultimate reality is fully realized.

Our Hope:

Our hope is not in our strength but in the grace of the God who reigns, who judges with righteousness, and who saves to the uttermost all who call upon Him.