Whoever Believes in Him Will Not Be Put to Shame

(Isaiah 28–29)

Isaiah 28–29 reveals seven principles for responding faithfully in the crises of life.

1. **Learn from the Faithlessness of Others (28:1–6)**

Isaiah showed Judah the impending destruction of Israel, so that they might not be faithless, proud, and dissolute like Israel.

1. **Listen to the Word of God (28:7–13)**

Unbelief and disobedience lead to crises, and crises have the effect of testing our faith and obedience. Judah’s leaders rejected God’s word of salvation, so God would speak to them an undeniable word of judgment.

1. **Lean upon the Rock of Salvation (28:14–22)**

The leaders of Jerusalem attempted to secure their own salvation by making an alliance with Egypt, which Isaiah calls a “covenant with death,” as is every form of self-salvation. There is only one Rock of salvation, and that is Christ Jesus (Rom 9:33; 10:11; Eph 2:19–22; 1 Pt 2:4–6).

1. **Let God Be God (28:23–28)**

The discipline of God is measured by His wisdom, and is specific to His purpose. In the midst of crisis, trust God to know what He is doing.

1. **Long for Lasting Deliverance (29:1–14)**

The Lord’s purpose for His people is not destruction, but discipline. The faithful are not content to be delivered from temporal trials yet miss eternal joy.

1. **Look for Remnants of Unbelief (29:15–16)**

Crises are divinely-ordained instruments to reveal false beliefs that would otherwise remain hidden. Isaiah highlights three: the denial of God’s omniscience, God’s sovereignty, and God’s wisdom.

1. **Lift Up Your Head (29:17–24)**

The day of salvation will dawn, so keep your head up and your hope fixed on Christ.