

Summer is Ended - The Harvest is Over

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I. Introduction.

- A. The success of the Crusade.
- B. Explanation: there is a hunger for God, there is a turning from secularism, there is a turning from philosophy, there is a fear of the hydrogen bomb and there has been widespread prayer.
- C. Only God can make a believer.
- D. God uses the gospel in simplicity and with authority.

II. 1967 was a year of spiritual awakening.

- A. Some disagree because of the many problems that the country faces.
- B. However, great revivals are only seen half a century after the event.
- C. To God be the glory.

III. The upcoming crusade.

- A. Text: Isaiah 1.
- B. Isaiah has been raised up to warn the people and turn back to God.
 - 1. The people of Judah in that day were a people of privilege.
 - a. God has given the US freedom and spiritual blessings.
 - b. We have to recognize that our blessings are from God.
 - c. It would be terrible if you did not give your life to this same God - Jesus Christ.
 - d. God is giving you an opportunity to give your life to Him.
 - e. The same God who has softened hearts hardens those who resist.
 - 2. They were a people that had forgotten.
 - a. God is totally in control - we are in His hands with all we have.
 - b. We are a prideful people thinking that we have accomplished so much and not recognizing God for what He did.
 - c. We never know when our last moment is upon us.

d. The next time God speaks to us it may be under adversity, and it may be too late.

3. They were a people under judgment.

a. God has appointed a day to judge.

b. We have all sinned and come under the wrath of God, and God will judge every sin.

c. God calls us to come to Christ and be saved, but we are too interested in other things.

d. The only alternative is death.

4. They were a people called to repentance.

a. The first step to God is to acknowledge your sins, but you must turn from your sins also.

b. You must also have fruit of repentance.

c. We claim to be Christians but we do not live it.

d. Jesus commanded us to come as little children to see the kingdom of God.

e. Your will must be removed to see the Savior.

f. Receive Christ by faith and live a life of peace and love.

g. By coming forward you are expressing your faith.

Application questions

1. In what ways do the people of Judah in Isaiah 1 mirror those of today?

2. God has set a great day of judgment. What does this mean to you personally?

3. What is our proper response to God's judgment? What are we to do and what is the reward?
