

# The Tragedy of Resistance to God

Isaiah 5:8-30

## I. The Heart of Human Sinfulness

### A. Rejection of God's Authority

**Isa. 5:21** Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight!

**Prov. 3:5-8** Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. <sup>7</sup> Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. <sup>8</sup> It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

**Isa. 5:18-19** Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, who draw sin as with cart ropes, <sup>19</sup> who say: "Let him be quick, let him speed his work that we may see it; let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near, and let it come, that we may know it!"

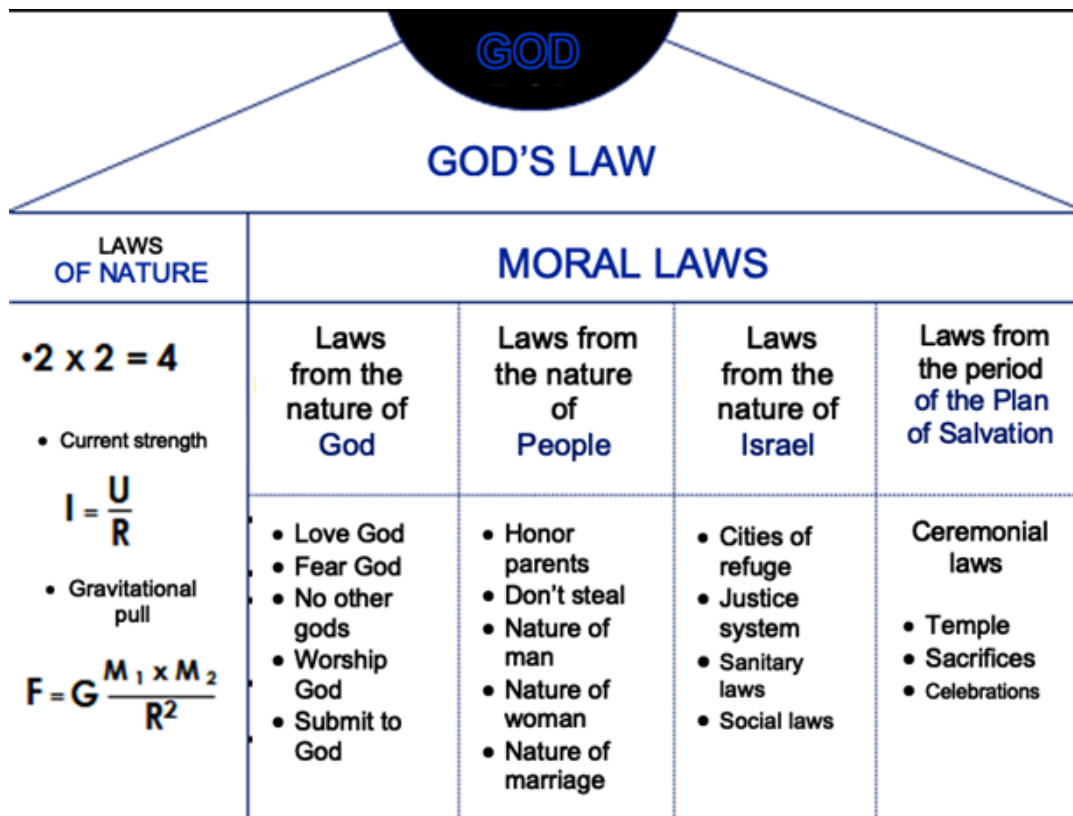
**2 Pet. 3:3-4** knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."

### B. Rejection of God's Standards

**Isa. 5:20** Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

**Isa. 55:2-3** Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

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### C. Rejection of God's Purposes

**Isa. 5:8-10** Woe to those who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is no more room, and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land.<sup>9</sup> The LORD of hosts has sworn in my hearing: "Surely many houses shall be desolate, large and beautiful houses, without inhabitant.<sup>10</sup> For ten acres of vineyard shall yield but one bath, and a homer of seed shall yield but an ephah."

**Isa. 5:11-12** Woe to those who rise early in the morning, that they may run after strong drink, who tarry late into the evening as wine inflames them!<sup>12</sup> They have lyre and harp, tambourine and flute and wine at their feasts, **but they do not regard the deeds of the LORD, or see the work of his hands.**

**Isa. 5:22** Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine, and valiant men in mixing strong drink,

## II. The Sorrow of Human Sinfulness

**Deut. 28:47-48** Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart, because of the abundance of all things,<sup>48</sup> therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you.

**Isa. 5:13-14** Therefore my people go into exile for lack of knowledge; their honored men go hungry, and their multitude is parched with thirst. <sup>14</sup> Therefore Sheol has enlarged its appetite and opened its mouth beyond measure, and the nobility of Jerusalem and her multitude will go down, her revelers and he who exults in her.

**Isa. 5:15-16** Man is humbled, and each one is brought low, and the eyes of the haughty are brought low. <sup>16</sup> But the LORD of hosts is exalted in justice, and the Holy God shows himself holy in righteousness.

### III. Salvation from the Human Sinfulness

**Isa. 9:6-7** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and **the government shall be upon his shoulder**, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over **his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore**. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**Isa. 28:16-17** therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: 'Whoever believes will not be in haste.' <sup>17</sup> And I will make justice the line, and righteousness the plumb line; and hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and waters will overwhelm the shelter."

**Isa. 53:5-6** But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>NAS</sup> **Isa. 53:9-11** His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, **Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth**. <sup>10</sup> But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting *Him* to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see *His* offspring, He will prolong *His* days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand. <sup>11</sup> As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see *it* and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, **My Servant, will justify the many**, As He will bear their iniquities.