

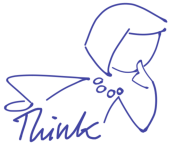
# Seeing Christ in the Crisis

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We are in Isaiah, 700 years before Christ.  
Things are in a bit of a mess for God's people.  
God is paving the way for a saviour while the people are asking "Where is God in this?"

2020 was not a normal year. It's been a crisis year.  
There have been two main responses to this;  
An anxious response and a dismissive over-confident response.  
Think about the ways you have noticed both of these played out.



The people in the time of Isaiah have forgotten about God.  
Their problem is primarily a worship problem. Think about why this is and what worship actually means.

*The Assyrians are bearing down on Judah*



The people were in a national and social crisis.  
The people were in a worship crisis.  
**Is there mention of Christ in the Crisis?**

The people are still going through the motions but God is saying he's not listening to them because they are rebelling in their hearts.

*Isaiah brings a powerful word to the religious*

In one of the darkest hours of Israel's history, God was planning their redemption!

Stop bringing meaningless offerings!  
Your incense is detestable to me.  
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—  
I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.  
Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals  
I hate with all my being.  
*Is 1:13-14*

We are God's holy people grafted in. We are engaged to Christ. He should absorb our primary affections. **What idolatry am I susceptible to?**

Isaiah came with a convicting message to captivate the people...

Idolatry can be when we take good things and focus in on them at the cost of being devoted to the one who gave them!

I'm engaged and devoted to you Jesus!

*with childlike wonder*

## See Christ in the Crisis

Anxiety and fear

Blasé reliance on humanity

*Father I come in repentance and honesty*



*Christ comes to set us free*

Dwelling with Jesus