

I SAIAH CH. 2: THE END OF THE DELUSION

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Isaiah 2, excerpted

- **What is being judged here?**
 - V. 6-8
 - Influences from the east. _____
 - Soothsayers like the Philistines. _____
 - Bargains with children of foreigners. _____
 - Endless Wealth. _____
 - Idols, the work of their hands. _____
- These are behavioral issues, which in and of themselves are not particularly heinous, yet they formulate the basis of evidence regarding a particular accusation. They are both the result of and the reason for that foremost of sins, PRIDE.
 - The proud look of man, the loftiness of man, v. 11, 12, 17.
- **Lets look at contemporary pride.**
 - **Personal**
 - “Prove someone wrong and they will spend the rest of their lives trying to prove that they are right.” _____
 - The natural expression of our moral condition is self-righteousness.
 - The power principal.
 - The god-ness instinct.

- **Religious**
 - **Bigotry.**
 - Science vs. religion. “We are right, you are dead wrong.”
 - Religion vs. religion. “We are still right, and you are wrong.”
 - Denomination vs. denomination. “We are more right, and you’re probably wrong.”
 - Person to person: “If you don’t agree with me you’ll go to hell.”
 - Philosophy to philosophy: there is no absolute truth, so no one can be assured of anything (modernism v. post-modernism)
 - **Dueling doctrines.**
 - The limits of election. _____
 - Our final state, physical vs. spiritual. _____
 - Young vs. old earth. _____
 - “Rapture” disunity. _____
 - The place of Israel. _____
 - Salvation vs. spirituality. _____
- **The response; “Stop regarding man . . . for why should he be esteemed.”**
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