Isaiah 34:1-35:10 – Which way?

Judgment and the character of God

Qu: What is the right and just response that God should make to all those who stand against him?

Hebrews 10:31 – "it is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God".

God is Angry

Is 34:1 ...the nations to account.

Is 30:19

... immanent destruction and judgement

... JUDGEMENT DAY

1) **Why does God judge?**
   a) **The sovereign ruler**
   b) **A just ruler**

Isaiah 30:18 – "Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait on him"

   c) **God loves**

2) **Is there hope?**

Isaiah 35 – real and lasting hope offered

- **Restoration.**

... but not for everyone.

Isaiah 35:5-6

Luke 7:18-23, "The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the dead are raised and the good news is preached to the poor"

Isaiah 35:8 – "way of holiness".

3) **For us today?**

- **God's right to judge and the reality of final judgement**

- **A gospel heart**