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***The enduring relevance of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is that just like Assyria, you, I and all people have turned away from God and His ways and deserve also His just wrath.***

***We must understand that within our hearts is the same spirit of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and idolatry and rejection of God and His ways as we have seen from Nineveh-Assyria.***

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***Naturally, within ourselves, God and His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are not precious, treasure, or wisdom to us.***

***The only way the gospel can be rightly understood and our hearts’ affections for Jesus can be stirred to more true worship and service to Him is in the light of God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and our sinfulness.***

***God wonderfully delights not only in being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but also in being the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***

***Take Home Truths***

***The question of 1:6 is only answered in one person – Jesus Christ. No one else can stand before God’s just anger and wrath. The innocent son of God willfully took the full cup of a Holy God’s rightful and just wrath against sin - all of the sin that you and I commit so flippantly, carelessly, and purposely. Christ stood in your place in order to drink every last drop of the awful and terrible cup of God’s wrath for sin.***

***Hear this, receive this, walk slowly through this book and tremble at God’s wrath and then think of Jesus and marvel at God’s grace to forgive and turn back His wrath.***

***May the Lord use these truths to stir our hearts’ affections for Jesus while encouraging greater and more true worship and service to Him.***

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Congregational Reading – Isaiah 53: 3-6

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acquainted withgrief; and as one from whom men hide their faces

he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely, he has borne our

griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten

by God, and afflicted. 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. All we like

sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own

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