



## DEVOTIONAL TIME

08-25-2015 @ 0900

“Where Has ‘Stability’ Gone?”

Isaiah 33:2-6

### SPIRIT SONG

O, let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His Love!  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O, let Him have the things that hold you,  
And His Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole!  
Jesus! O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs! Jesus! O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs!

### Isaiah 33:2-6

“LORD, have mercy on us! We have put our hope in You. Protect us day by day, and save us in times of trouble. When You fight for us, nations run away from the noise of battle! Their belongings are pounced upon and taken as loot. How great the LORD is! He rules over everything. He will fill Jerusalem with justice and integrity, and give stability to the nation. He always protects His people and gives them wisdom and knowledge. Their greatest treasure is their reverence for the LORD!”

### QUESTIONS FOR TODAY

- Have you ever wondered about the stability of your nation, its economy, military, morals, family structure, or justice system? What caused (or still causes) your concern?
- Did you ever “come through a crisis”, and “look back” in total amazement, realizing finally that God had just “fought a battle” for you and won a “victory” you could never have achieved?
- How reverent and grateful are you these days? Is your “God-Connection” a “treasure in your life”? How do you ask for God’s “Protection”, “Wisdom”, and “Knowledge” now?

The weather-beaten boards and rust-colored girders of a rickety old bridge can cause the most stout-hearted among us to give serious reconsideration about crossing a raging river there. Without good visible knowledge of structural stability, doubts of success and concerns for health, (along with a good dose of old-fashioned fear,) are likely to arise. If all this arises at one “beaten down” bridge, imagine the impact of multiple factors of instability across various areas of our lives. Through Isaiah’s “word”, God reveals to us how real stability is based upon “justice” and “integrity”. Unless we seek justice in an authentic spirit of integrity, we will enjoy no lasting stability. Only God is the Source of true Justice and the Spring of actual Integrity, so God is the only “Power Core” of enduring Stability. Real justice and genuine integrity flow from the perfect Love and Grace of God, and all other “mechanisms of stability” draw their power there or “go dark”! This is why unrest in a nation often signifies the failure of its court system. People need to know they are being treated fairly, regardless of who they are. Far too often, we hear about “shyster lawyers” or “crooked judges”, members of the legal profession who are bought by some shady pseudo-system of unfair advantage and undue influence. Isaiah says we need to remember where our true stability lies...in the greatness of the Lord. We need to stop running to secular courts for “aid” and “assistance”, turning instead to God first in a spirit of childlike trust and eager desire to do His Will above all. It’s time to stop redefining “justice” and “integrity” according to standards of convenience and/or expediency, and start letting God’s actual Justice and genuine Integrity define us. God, grant us the Grace of Enduring Stability. We place our hope in You. As You did for ancient Israel, “fight for us” in every situation in which we are faced with injustice and lack of integrity. Help us finally realize just how great You really are...that You truly rule over everything, and our world will know its only real stability in union with You. Teach us how to finally get our feet on solid ground by surrendering totally and completely to Your loving Grace!