

Isaiah 30:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

Analysis

Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path (suru/minnei-derekh hattu minnei-orach)—Double command to prophets: depart (sur) from the way (derekh), turn aside (natah) from the path (orach). They want God's messengers to get out of their way, stop blocking their chosen course. The imagery is vivid: prophets standing in their path to Egypt, and they're shouting "Move! Get out of our way!" They're determined to pursue their plan regardless of prophetic warnings.

Cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us (hashbitu mi'panenu et-qedosh yisra'el)—Ultimate rebellion: make the Holy One (Qedosh Yisra'el, Isaiah's favorite title for God, appearing 25 times in his prophecy) cease (shavat, to stop, desist) from before them. They don't want to hear about God anymore. Stop mentioning Him. Stop invoking His authority. Stop confronting us with His holiness. This is practical atheism: we don't necessarily deny God's existence, but we don't want Him interfering with our plans. Silence God's voice; banish His presence; proceed without His meddling. This reveals sin's deepest desire: autonomy from God, freedom from His lordship, life without His "interference."

Historical Context

This demand to silence prophets and ignore God reached its apex in Jeremiah's day, when prophets were imprisoned (Jeremiah 37:15), threatened with death

(Jeremiah 26:8), and ultimately killed (Jeremiah 26:23). Israel's history shows escalating rejection: ignoring prophets, mocking them, persecuting them, murdering them. Jesus summarized this pattern: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee" (Matthew 23:37). Demanding that the Holy One of Israel "cease from before us" anticipates the ultimate rejection: "We will not have this man to reign over us" (Luke 19:14). Every attempt to silence God's messengers expresses the same desire: autonomy from divine authority, freedom to pursue our own way without accountability to the Holy One.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How do you tell God to 'get out of the way' when His will conflicts with your plans?
2. What does it reveal about our hearts when we want 'the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us'—to stop confronting us with His holiness?
3. How does silencing God's voice through avoiding Scripture, prayer, and godly counsel lead to spiritual disaster?

Interlinear Text

פֶּשֶׁב	יְתִוֵּה	אֶל	כְּנָסֶה	מִנִּי	בְּטַח	מִנִּי	אֶל	כְּנָסֶה	פֶּשֶׁב	יְתִוֵּה
Get you out	H4480	of the way	H1870	turn aside	H5186	out of the path	H734	to cease	H7673	
H5493										

אֶת	מִפְנֵן	יְכֹאֵל	
from before	H853	cause the Holy One	of Israel
H6440		H6918	H3478

