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Lesson 2 Essay

What is one new thing or idea to which you were exposed?

One idea I was exposed to was the nature of disobedience as it relates to rebellion and corruption of the people. Isaiah starts off pretty strongly with this point and highlights God's disappointment. "The ox knows its owner and the donkey its master's crib; But Israel does not know. My people do not consider (Isaiah 1:3, NKJV)." This verse stuck out to me the most. Israel's intelligence, which is representative of us today, is deemed to be beneath that of an animal (Oswalt, 73). How often do we turn away from the will of God time and time again, even if it means that we will get punished? The level of rebellion we display contradicts God's design for us; that we were created in His image and therefore should employ His statutes and direction (ref. Genesis 1: 26-28).

The missed point in the act of disobedience to God's will is the fact that we will ultimately lack the ability to properly exercise dominion over all He has given to us to steward. We are His children (Oswalt, 73), and as such we have a higher standard to obey His call on our lives. Biblical history depicts to us the punishment gained from severe disobedience. Thankfully, it also depicts God's tremendous grace, mercy, and will to establish and keep His covenant promises with us. Most importantly, His long-suffering allows us time to get it right; a chance to repent and fall into His obedience and turn away from the ways of the world.