

## Isaiah- Lesson 4

David Cheong

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

One new thing I learned this week was the complete sovereignty of God. Oswalt writes, “Yes, it is an uneven fight, but in the exact opposite direction from what the Babylonians may be thinking” (201). The Babylonians thought they were so powerful and above any power even supernatural powers of all gods. Little did they know that there is only one God, and that God is in control of every single thing and activity on the earth. He is in control of the nations, and instead of Babylonian conquering the rest of the world, Yahweh was going to show that they are nothing. All they do is only under God’s control. Therefore, “The best of human effort is not enough to solve the human problem” (Oswalt 231). The only thing humans can do is surrender, trust, and obey God in all we do.

Moving further, “He could frustrate their plans, but they could not discover His” (Constable 131). God can make unpredictable and confusing things happen all to frustrate the plans of nations and rulers who think they are above God. But humanity can never discover God’s plans unless God reveals it to humanity. This should bring peace and humility in the lives of everyone because life ultimately is dictated by God. Not that we should do nothing, but we must live with the humble realization that we can do nothing in everything. We must still do our best but knowing that ultimate life and destiny belong to God and not ourselves.