

Isaiah 1:10-17

Hear the Law

1. 1:10-15 – What the Law Says

- a. Sodom and Gomorrah and “burnt offerings” – both covered in soot and ash.
- b. “*what purpose*”... “*who hath required this*”... the rebellious were religious.
- c. “*vain oblations*” – empty offerings - Hos 6:6, Amos 5:21-24, Mt 23:23
- d. The law says it is of the heart and will – Ex 35:29, Lev 1:2-4, 22:18-23, 23:38, 26:41
 - i. A heart matter – 2Ch 16:9, Ps 34:18, 40:6, 51:17, De 6:5,10:16, Jer 4:14, 7:21
 - ii. Rom 2:28-29 is not new, Pauline, mystery... it is law. See Rom 3:31
 - iii. Isaiah not removing law requirements (2:3) – nor is he teaching Rom 6:14
- e. God hates empty religion – this is also why he dispensed grace - Titus 1:16, 2Cor 9:7
- f. “*prayers*” – Num 6:25, Jer 11:14, Lam 3:44, Ps 66:18, 80:4
 - i. Jesus taught this same covenant prayer in Mt 5:24, Jam 5:16, 1Pe 3:7

2. 1:16-20 – The Final Plea

- a. Prophets declare the future to encourage present obedience – 2 Pet 3:11
- b. What needs to happen: 1) Cleansing, 2) Reformation, 3) Restitution – Micah 6:6-8
 - i. If they hate evil and love good – God may be gracious – Amos 5:15
- c. 18) – A popular passage referring to new covenant salvation (not mystery)
 - i. He wants true repentance and obedience - Ps 51:1-7
- d. 19) The covenant addition to the promise – Gal 3:19, Lev 26:25,33, De 32:41
- e. 20) “*mouth of the Lord hath spoken it*” – Isa 1:20, 40:5, 58:14, 62:2