

Isaiah 1:18-31

The Final Plea and Judgment

1. 1:16-20 – The Final Plea

- a. What needs to happen: 1) Cleansing, 2) Reformation, 3) Restitution – Micah 6:6-8
- b. If they hate evil and love good, God may be gracious – Amos 5:15, Hos 14:2
 - i. Paul references Amos 5:15 in Rom 12:9, but in Romans grace comes first.
- c. 18) – A popular passage referring to new covenant salvation (not mystery)
 - i. The blood in this verse is the sin stain of v15
 - ii. Snow and wool both naturally white – Dan 7:9, Mk 9:3, Rev 1:14
 - iii. He wants true repentance and obedience - Ps 51:1-7
 - iv. Israel will return and be saved - Lam 5:21, Acts 5:31
 - v. What is missing from all this is the cross of Christ (and that glorified)
- 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

2. 1:21-23 – Evidence Against the City

- a. 21) A moral lamentation – Lam 1:1 – similar to the lament of our own country.
- b. 22) Jesus turned water to wine, man (sin) turns wine into water
 - i. Silver = purity, corruption; wine = judgment/righteousness – Isa 5:7
- c. 23) Pure religion and undefiled – Deu 24:17, 26:12, 27:19, Jam 1:27
 - i. The consequence of sin was a lack of husbands/godly men – Isa 3:4, 3:12

3. 1:24-31 – The Lord’s Judgment

- a. 24-25) His judgment good for - vengeance, purification, restoration, redemption.
- b. 26-27 - Renewal of the Palestinian covenant of Deu 30
- c. 26) Judges as at the first – Judges 2:18, Mt 19:28 – see also Jer 23:5-6
- d. 27) Judgment will both purge and take away and redeem. Lk 21:17-28, Ro 11:26-27
 - i. This about Zion and not the church – our redemption is by grace Eph 1:7
- e. 28) Jew (transgressors of the law) & Gentile (sinners) - Ro 2:9-12, 2:19
 - i. Consuming fire found in De 4:24,9:3, Heb 12:25-29, Isa 66:24
- f. 29) Oaks - Isa 57:5, 61:3 - gardens – Isa 65:3, 66:17 = idolatry, human glory
- g. 30-31) “*whose leaf fadeth*” – Isa 40:7-8;
 - i. They will burn, and God will start the fire. 1 Pet 4:12,17