Isaiah 1

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INTRODUCTION

- To wait upon the Lord, it's more than just sit and be idle. It's trust. It's trust and depend on God for justice, for deliverance.
- Isaiah is not just one man writing, it's the word of God revealed.
- He's got his people right in the middle of things, testifying there is one true God.

1 Hear, O Heavens, and Give Ear, O Earth

Isaiah 1:2; Deuteronomy 31:28; Leviticus 18:28

- They'll tell you this sounds like an opening scene in the courtroom.
- He starts right off by producing a witness. He says, Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth.
- Assemble with me all the elders, that I may speak these words in their ears, and I call heaven and earth to witness against them.
- The land of Israel will be a testimony or a witness to the judgments of God.

2 A Sinful Nation, a People Laden with Iniquity

Isaiah 1:3–9; Romans 9:29

- The ox knows its owner and the donkey its master's crib, but Israel does not know, and my people do not consider.
- This is a persistent wickedness. It's not a problem with this generation only. It's gone from generation to generation.
- The chastisement has been so severe because they have been so stubborn that there's no place left to strike without hitting wounds and bruises that are already there.
- What's left? Jerusalem. And that's about it. And it stands alone like a hut in a cucumber field.

3 To What Purpose Is the Multitude of Your Sacrifices?

Isaiah 1:10–15

- To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to me, says the Lord.
- You can do good things that still not be pleasing to God, because it's the matter of the heart behind it.
- A parent wants obedience. God wants the same thing. He wants obedience from the heart.
- They were totally rebelling. And then at the same time coming with great hypocrisy to worship God.

4 Cease to Do Evil, Learn to Do Good

Isaiah 1:16–17

- Wash yourself and make yourself clean. Put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes, cease to do evil, and learn to do good.

- Those that are so practiced in evil don't really know how. They need to learn to do good.
- Reprove the oppressor, defend the fatherless, and plead for the widow.
- God has told us these are things that are important to me.

5 Come Now, Let Us Reason Together

Isaiah 1:18–23

- Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.
- No matter how bad you have been, God has mercy. You can be white as snow.
- The judge is offering mercy. Show remorse. Turn. Mercy can be shown to you.

6 I Will Purge Away Your Dross

Isaiah 1:24–31

- I'm going to take what was dross. And I'm going to make it better. I'm going to purge it away.
- God says, You will be ashamed of that which you have placed your trust in, which you have desired.
- Choose life. Obey God. Life comes. Reject God. Death comes.
- They will not be able to redeem you in the day of God's wrath and his judgment.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We ought to apply it to ourselves. Do we fit the profile of one who turns their back on God? Do we fit the profile of the earth being a witness against us because our deeds cannot be hidden?**

MY NOTES