

God Has Spoken

Isaiah 1

At a time when the northern kingdom of Israel was about to fall to the Assyrians and the southern kingdom of Judah was vulnerable to the surrounding nations, God spoke . . . through the prophet Isaiah . . . with a message of judgment . . . and redemption; Judgement because of Judah's sin and redemption through God's Messiah.

- I. Hear God's _____ of Judah's sinful
_____ (1-9).
- A. _____ (2a)
- B. _____ (3)
- C. _____ (4)
- D. _____ (5-6)
- E. _____ (7-9)
- II. Hear God's _____ of worthless
_____ (10-15).

III. Hear God's _____ to repentant
_____ (16-20).

IV. Hear God's _____ of gracious
_____ (21-31).

Have you repented? [If so] God looks upon you as if you had not offended. He becomes a friend, a father. He will now bring forth the best robe and put it on you. God is pacified towards you and will, with the father of the prodigal, fall upon your neck and kiss you.... Have you been penitentially humbled? [If so] The Lord will never upbraid you with your former sins. After Peter wept, we never read that Christ upbraided him with his denial of him. God has cast your sins into the depth of the sea. How? Not as cork, but as lead.... O the music of conscience! Conscience is turned into a paradise, and there a Christian sweetly solaces himself and plucks the flowers of joy. The repenting sinner can go to God with boldness in prayer and look upon him not as a Judge but as a Father. He is born of God and is heir to a kingdom. He is encircled with promises. He no sooner shakes the tree of the promise but some fruit falls.

- Thomas Watson