

Sunday, August 12, 2018

God is My Salvation – Isaiah

3. Rebellion's Remedy – Isa. 1:16-26

I. Reformation – vs. 16-20

A. Reformation of Self (16-17a)

1. Wash – appears 73x in OT, 52x in reference to ceremonial cleansing through the sacrificial system they are abusing and have corrupted
2. Make yourselves clean (purify yourselves) – James 4:8-10; Heb. 9:12-14
3. Put away (take away) evil doings
4. Cease (Stop) your old way of living (repent)
5. Learn to do good (new priorities and practice – believe, faith that works)
6. Seek justice/righteousness – conforming to God's revealed will (obedience)

B. Reformation of Society (17b) – James 1:27

1. Rebuke (set straight/right) the Oppressor
2. Defend (stand for justice) the Fatherless
3. Plead (argue, quarrel, debate the case of) for the widow

C. Reason over Sin (18-20)

1. An imperative to be obeyed (a summons)
2. Let us reason – a command, not a negotiation or plea bargain, “argue it out” to be admonished or reprovved
 - a. Sin is unreasonable
 - b. Man can only be reasonable when he acts and thinks in accordance with God's Word and will
 - c. Reason Together = discuss the accusations and see if the Accuser (God) is willing to extend mercy, then submit to the dictates He lays down
 - d. He is willing, so if they refuse then their destruction is on them
3. From deepest blood red stain/dye to the purest white of snow and wool (justification)
4. The Conditions
 - a. If you are willing (consent, agree, yield do the demands)
 - b. And Obedient (hear, listen, and obey)
5. The Consequences
 - a. If you refuse to reason/repent
 - b. And rebel (disobey)
 - c. You will be devoured by the sword – judgment

D. The Mouth of the Lord has Spoken – Rev. 2:16; 19:11-16

II. Reversal – vs. 21-23

A. Adultery (21) – Moral Collapse

1. Infidelity, Idolatry
2. Injustice
3. Unrighteousness

B. Adulteration (22) – Economic Collapse

1. Impurity – from pure silver to only dross
2. Dilution – finest wine “cut” with water, not recognizable

C. Association (23) – Societal Collapse – Psa. 34:14; Deut. 10:17; Psa. 119:63; Prov. 13:20; 28:7; 1 Cor. 5:11; 2 Thess. 3:14; 1 Cor. 15:33

1. Inward – rebellion of leaders
2. Outward – companions of thieves

III. Restoration – vs. 24-26

- A. The Absolute Master of All (24a) – power and strength in protection turned to power and strength in judgment – Ezek. 5:13
- B. Relief and Revenge (24b) – Nahum 1:2; Hebrews 10:30
- C. Refiner's Fire (25) – turn against to bring back – Amos 1:8; Jer. 6:9; Ezek. 38:12; Psa. 81:15
– salvation requires purging
- D. Righteousness Restored (26) – after captivity – Neh. 1:3-11