

The Prophecy of Isaiah

Isaiah 1:18-31

Sunday, January 9, 2022

I. The Decline of Morality in Culture, Politics, and Spirituality (vv. 21-31)

- A. How the faithful city has become a harlot
- B. The beauty of the silver has become the ugly and impure dross
- C. The political leaders are corrupt:
 - 1. They are rebels against God
 - 2. They are companions of thieves and chasers of (personal) rewards
 - 3. They ignore the widows and orphans, those who are truly poor
- D. God promises to undertake for revival
 - 1. To deliver Israel from her foes
 - 2. To clean house with the corrupt politicians
- E. To restore the holy and righteous city of Jerusalem
The promise is to those who repent
- F. Judgment is coming
 - 1. Transgressors and sinners will be crushed
 - 2. Those who forsake the Lord will come to an end
 - 3. The ungodly will be embarrassed by the things the nation has turned to
 - 4. Like an oak whose leaf fades or a garden without water . . .
 - The strong man will become tinder, his work the igniting spark
 - They will burn together and there will be none who can save them

II. Let Us Reason Together (vv. 18-20)

- A. We see that warnings and the promises
- B. God can restore and cleanse from sin
- C. We have a choice:
 - 1. We can consent and obey and enjoy the best of the land, or
 - 2. We can refuse and rebel and be devoured by the sword
- D. God has promised!