

# “COME, LET US REASON TOGETHER”

## Isaiah 1

### Introduction

- 1) **Isaiah** was an important prophet of God to the people of Judah and Jerusalem (1:1)
  - a) He revealed many great prophecies and teachings as guided by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:21)
- 2) His great book has been preserved by the Holy Spirit for our learning (Rom. 15:4)
  - a) Insight into the condition of God’s people at critical times of historical crises
  - b) Prophecies concerning the Messianic kingdom fulfilled in the church today
  - c) Eternal truths concerning God, sin, rebellion, truth, faith, obedience, hope, etc.

### I) **A Nation in Rebellion Against God (vv. 2-15)**

- A) God nourished and raised Israel, but they rebelled (v. 2; cf. Hos. 11:1-7)
- B) Israel failed to know and understand God’s ownership and care (v. 3)
- C) Sin provokes the “Holy One of Israel” (v. 4)
- D) Judah in very bad condition due to sin (vv. 5-8)
- E) God will preserve a very small remnant of faithful (v. 9)
- F) God will not accept their defiled sacrifices and worship (vv. 10-15; cf. Amos 5:21-23)

### II) **The Need for Change (vv. 16-17)**

- A) Need to be washed to be made clean [from sin] (v. 16a)
- B) Put away evil from before God’s eyes [who sees all things] (v. 16b)
- C) Cease doing evil (v. 16c)
- D) Learn to do good (v. 17a)
- E) Seek justice [lawfulness, righteousness] (v. 17b)
- F) Reprove the oppressor and defend the helpless (v. 17c; Jas. 1:27; 1 Jn. 4:20)

### III) **“Come, Let Us Reason Together” (vv. 18-20)**

- A) “Says the Lord” – God calls for a settling of differences [grace, love, longsuffering]
  - 1) Not a forced or imposed way; it is the most reasonable, smart, and best way to go!
  - 2) Foolish to reject and resist a God of infinite wisdom, love, grace, and power
- B) Promises (v. 18b)
  - 1) Sins like scarlet made white as snow
  - 2) Sins red like crimson made like wool
- C) Conditions and consequences (vv. 19-20)
  - 1) If willing and obedient, eat good of land (cf. Jas4:7-10).
  - 2) If refuse and rebel, be devoured by the sword
- D) “For the mouth of the Lord has spoken” – voice of divine, heavenly authority

### IV) **The Corrupted City will be Redeemed (vv. 21-31)**

- A) The faithful city [Jerusalem] became unfaithful (vv. 21-23; cf. Micah 3:9-11)
- B) Lord will purge the corruption (vv. 24-25)
- C) Lord will restore and redeem the city (vv. 26-27)
- D) Transgressors and sinners will be destroyed (vv. 28-31)
- E) Church is God’s holy city today (Heb. 12:22)
- F) God’s people are the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2)

### Conclusion

Understanding how a holy God is offended by our sins, how can we resist the call of God to “Come, and let us reason together”? Will you come and obey in humble submission to His will?