

Whiter Than Inow

Isaiah 1:18-20

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- 18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
- 19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:
- 20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

I. A Remarkable Call (1:18a)

A. Come now

The appeal to the heart and will

Isaiah 2:5

O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

- 1. A universal call
- 2. An unconditional call
- 3. An urgent call

I. A Remarkable Call (1:18a)

B. Let us reason together The appeal to the mind

Micah 6:2

Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD'S controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

- 1. Willingness to acknowledge God's way
- 2. Willingness to accept God's word

II. A Radical Cleansing (1:18b)

A. Like snow

A pristine whiteness

Revelation 19:8

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

B. Like wool

A processed whiteness

Isaiah 1:16

Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

III. A Real Consequence (1:19-20)

A. The choice I make Joshua 24:15

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

- B. The commitment I take
 - 1. Be willing and obedient
 - 2. Refuse and rebel

III. A Real Consequence (1:19-20)

C. A consequence I embrace

1. Joy

Psalm 16:11

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

2. Judgment

Hebrews 10:27

But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

God's Desire Should Be Our Desire

Ephesians 5:26-27

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.