

***An Invitation
To
Cleansing***

Isaiah 1:18

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**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.**

Introduction

A. God invites people to come to Him

Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

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B. An invitation from God at an ungodly time

Isaiah 1:4

Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

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C. An invitation to reason at an unreasonable time

Isaiah 1:5

Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

Romans 1:28

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

2 Thessalonians 3:2

And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

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D. An invitation for cleansing at a sinful time

Isaiah 1:16-17

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

17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

I. The Intensity Of This Invitation

A. Its imperative message

John 7:37

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

B. Its irrevocable manner

Matthew 11:28

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

I. The Intensity Of This Invitation

C. Its incomprehensible motive

Isaiah 55:7-9

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

II. The Immediacy Of This Invitation

A. No delay

Hebrews 4:7

Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

II. The Immediacy Of This Invitation

B. No dismissal

Luke 14:18-20

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

II. The Immediacy Of This Invitation

C. No other way

Matthew 8:2-3

2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

III. The Intimacy Of This Invitation

A. Ownership in the process

B. One-on-one

C. Only you can respond

Revelation 3:19-20

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

IV. The Incredibility of the Invitation

A. The decree

Isaiah 30:21

**And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee,
saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the
right hand, and when ye turn to the left.**

IV. The Incredibility of the Invitation

B. The determination

Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

IV. The Incredibility of the Invitation

C. The difference

1 Corinthians 5:7

Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

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