

WINE MIXED WITH WATER

ISAIAH 1

Text: Isa 1:22

Introduction:

In Judah the increase of wealth and of military strength had produced a proud sense of security, the practice of idolatry and superstitions, drunkenness was common, a confusion of moral distinctions penetrated society, and justice was corrupt. This was the situation which confronted Isaiah.

1. REVEALED CONDITION (ISA 1:1-5)

- A. Rebellion (vs 2)
- B. Thoughtlessness (vs 3)
- C. Corrupters (vs 4)
- D. Forsakers (vs 4)
- E. Backslid (vs 4)
- F. Sick in the head (vs 5)

G. Faint hearted (vs 5)

2. RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS

A. Many (vs 11,15)

B. Vain (vs 13)

Note: The question considered in vs 21.

Isaiah 1:21

How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

- Weakened Worship (vs 22)

Isaiah 1:22

Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:

- Imitation (vs 25)

Isaiah 1:25

And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:

3. REASON CONSIDERED

I want to read to you what I believe to be the heart of the issue. It has to do with who God is.

Read Isa 6:1-8

A. A low view of God will never convict us of sin.

B. A low view of God will never motivate servants to service.

Read: Gen 1:26 & Rom 1:21-23

- Religious exercise is not enough

Our churches have hurt the world because we have not been what we should be. The reason is because God does not have the rightful place in our lives.

Isaiah 5:20

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Close:

What is your vision of God? Your vision of God will determine the Christian life you live.

Isaiah 6:2-3

Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. [3] And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Notice:

They covered their face: No one can look upon God

They covered their feet in humility.

The other two wings was for service.