

White as Snow

“Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow. "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword"; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” (Isaiah 1:16-20 NKJV)

Judah was in a terrible condition before the Lord (Isa. 1.1-9). God had forsaken them to be overrun by others, and had it not been for a very small remnant they would have been like Sodom and Gomorrah.

Their hypocrisy had come before God so many times that He was wearied by their futile sacrifices. Now He would turn away His eyes from seeing and His ears from hearing their many prayers (Isa. 1.10-15).

However, the Lord is gracious and willing to relent from His fierce wrath for those who will repent. He tells the people to wash themselves and clean themselves. Leave your evil and turn to righteousness is the call. This of course can only be done by those who are regenerate.

Grace is needed for repentance, and so the soul that feels the weight of sin, feels the hand of God and conscience at His discretion. However, He has promised that whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Rom. 10.13). The question is; are you willing to be obedient? (Isa. 1.19)

Today, many disconnect what we believe from what we do. The Scriptures, however, are clear that what we do reflects what we believe. Therefore, if you believe that you have sinned and are worthy of God's wrath, that He is righteous and gave His Son that by faith you may be cleansed by His blood to escape that wrath, and that faith and repentance go together, then you may be white as snow.

However, if you believe that you can escape the wrath of God by performing religious duties while clinging to your sin, then expect to be devoured by the sword. Don't make the mistake that Judah made. Don't be a hypocrite and think God will show you favor.

Instead, let us reason together, Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Have faith in God, and His Son, not in works and self-righteousness, but in His righteousness.