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### Isaiah 01

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God purified and restored Judah

Isaiah chapter 1 describes God's accusation against Israel, accusing them of stoying from God's ways, from God's will, and for sins and wicked deeds. These crimes include forgetting God, idolatry, injustice and oppression of the vulnerable, corruption and embezzlement, among others. Thus, God condemned the priests, leaders, and people of Israel and demanded that they repent of their sins and turn back to God. Isaiah was the grandson of King Joash of Judah and a cousin of Uzziah. He grew up in the royal palace and was inspired by God to preach God's message to Judah in the south.

The first chapter of the book of Isaiah can be divided into three paragraphs

1. God, who created the universe, called heaven and earth to testify against the ingratitude of the people, and God testified that Israel was not, and God said that the Israelites were not even like cattle because God raised them, but they rebelled against God and did not return to God. At this time, Judah faced an attack from the north, so Judah sought the help of other countries, such as Assyria and Egypt. They allied themselves with the Gentiles and accepted their spirits and gods, and did not consider God their gods. God thinks the Father's eyes are looking at the state of Judah. Judah was devastated by the invasion of the Gentiles, like a sick man covered in wounds, "from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head, not a whole wound."
2. Don't continue to sin and sacrifice because when they are so rebellious and forsaken God, even the sacrifice and prayer are useless, because God sees whether they follow God and trust in

God's heart. God said, "I will hide my eyes from seeing," and "I will not hear, even if you pray so much."

God is not saying that He wants to abolish the law He has given, but he is accusing the people of treating religion as a ritual, forgetting that the essence of keeping the law and sacrificing is to enter into God's grace and understand God's will. They were zealous in observing religious rituals, and verse 15 "their hands were full of murderous blood." It's like many of us "Sunday Christians" who go to church every week, and once they leave the church and go home or work, they become evildoers, oppressing and oppressing others, taking advantage of others, and indulging in filth. If a person who has faith in Jesus does not have good works, he will only be a false person, walking no different from others, still living in sin, indulging his lusts and doing things that are not pleasing to God.

3. God told Israel to repent because God was gracious, but those who forsake God will perish. The prophet called the people to purify themselves and repent and be converted. Effective cleansing includes "washing," "self-cleansing," and "getting rid of evil deeds from the presence of God." Adjust your personal life, including "stop your evil deeds", "learn to do good", and "seek justice". Calls for social reforms, including "rescuing the oppressed", "avenging orphans", and "defending widows". And if the people do this, verse 18 the LORD says, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be turned as snow; Though they be red as red, they shall be as white as wool. Repentance before God is not a mere confession of sin, but a renunciation of evil deeds and a determination to walk in God's will. For God Himself is perfectly holy, perfectly good, and perfectly righteous. And when we do so, our sins are forgiven through the salvation of Jesus Christ, and we are once again pure and sinless and perfectly holy in God's sight.

Let's pray:

Abba Heavenly Father, thank you for revealing Your heart to your people through the message of Isaiah 1. You delight in our obedience to Your will, sincere worship, and living out Your character. Pray that you will continue to illuminate our relationship with you and help us to live as truly your children in every aspect of our lives, and that the Lord will help us to examine our sins, purify our hearts, and live in Christ in the Holy Spirit as a witness of the glory of Christ!

In the holy name of Jesus Christ. amen

Isaiah

Isaiah 1

1:1 When Uzziah, and Jotham, and Ahaz, and Hezekiah, were kings of Jew, Isaiah the son of Amoz was inspired to speak of Jedah, and of Jerusalem.

1:2 O God, hear, earth, ears and ears. For Yahweh said, "I have brought up my children, and I have raised them, and they have rebelled against me."

1:3 the trough of the cow to know the master , the donkey to know the master . but Israel does not know it, but my people do not care about it.

1:4 the people who have sinned, the people who bear their iniquities, the types of evil, the children who are corrupt. They forsook Jehovah, despised the Holy One of Israel, alienated themselves from him, and regressed.

1:5 Why have you rebelled so many times and have to be held accountable . You are already full of headaches and dizziness.

1:6 from the soles of the feet to the top of the head , there is no complete . full of wounds, bruises, and fresh wounds. There was no mouthing, no wrapping, no ointment to moisturize.

1:7 Your land is desolate. Your cities are burned with fire, and your fields are desolate before your eyes when they are devoured by the Gentiles, and when they are overthrown by the Gentiles.

1:8 The city of Si'an is like a grass shed in a vineyard, a thatched hut in a melon field, or a besieged city.

1:9 If it had not been for the remnants of the Ten Thousand Armies, we would have been like Sodoma and Gomorrah.

1:10 O ruler of all Thorma, hear the words of Yahweh . Listen incline to the instruction of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. 1:11 And ye said unto him, What good do the many sacrifices which ye have given unto me? I have enough burnt offerings for rams and fat for fattening animals. I do not like the blood of bulls, nor the blood of lambs, nor the blood of male goats.

1:12 You have come to me, and who will ask you for this, that you may trample down my courts?

1:13 You don't have to give vain offerings anymore . incense is an abomination to me . The New Moon, and the Sabbath, and the called councils, are also abominations to me. I will not tolerate iniquity and solemnity. 1:14 Your New Moons and Feasts are hated in my heart and I am troubled . I am impatient.

1:15 Lift up your hands and pray, and I will cover my eyes from them. Even if you pray so much, I will not listen to you. Your hands are covered with the blood of the killers. 1:16

You have to wash and clean yourselves . get rid of your evil deeds from before my eyes . Stop doing evil,

1:17 Learn to do good . Seek justice, rescue the oppressed, avenge orphans, and defend widows.

1:18 ye and hua said , come , and we will argue with each other . Though your sins be as crimson, they will become white of snow; though it be red as a red face, it shall be as white as a sheep's hair. 1:19 If you are willing to listen, you will devour the good things of the earth.

1:20 but if they do not obey and rebel , they will be swallowed up by the sword . this is what ye and hua said personally .

1:21 but the faithful city has become a prostitute . It was full of justice and justice in the midst of it, but now there are murderers living in it.

1:22 Thy silver shall be turned into dross, and thy wine shall be mixed with water. 1:23  
Your rulers are rebellious and have the company of thieves. everyone loves bribery and seeks stolen goods . They do not vindicate orphans, and widows' cases are not brought before them.

1:24 Therefore the mighty one of the Lord armies and Israel said, "Oh, I will take revenge on my adversaries and on my enemies. 1:25 I will throw my backhand upon you , refining your dross and purifying your misdeeds .

1:26 I will restore your judges, as I did at the beginning, and my counsellors, as I did at the beginning. Then thou shalt call thou the city of righteousness and the city of faithfulness.

1:27 Si'an will be redeemed for justice, and those who are righteous among them will be redeemed for justice.

1:28 But those who disobey and those who sin will perish, and those who forsake Jehohua will perish.

1:29 They will be ashamed of the oak that you love, and you will be ashamed of the garden you have chosen.

1:30 For you shall be like an oak tree whose leaves are withered, and like a garden without water.

1:31 and the powerful shall be like a sack, and his works shall be like a spark, which shall be burned up with him, and no one shall extinguish them.

The central idea of Isaiah chapter 1 is that the Israel's rebellion against God exposed them to God's judgment and punishment, but God also called them to turn back and change their behavior.

Specifically, Isaiah chapter 1 describes God's accusation against Israel, accusing them of sturning away from God's ways, stray from God's will, and committing sins and evil deeds. These crimes include forgetting God, idolatry, injustice and oppression of the vulnerable, corruption and embezzlement, among others. Thus, God condemned the priests, leaders, and people of Israel and demanded that they repent of their sins and turn back to God.

God also revealed His punishment, warning Israel of the threat of destruction and expulsion. But God also called Israel to return, promising that if they repented and changed their behavior, God would forgive their sins and return them to God's grace and blessings.

In conclusion, Isaiah chapter 1 emphasizes God's justice and love, he condemns Israel's sins and calls them to return, and reveals God's judgment and punishment, but also reveals God's grace and mercy, and calls Israel to return to God's ways.

Chapter 1 of the book of Isaiah is one of the beginnings of the prophet Isaiah, and it describes God's responsibility and warning to Israel. Here are some of the important verses and their sources: "Hearken, O angels! Joel son of Zephaniah said to his people, 'Listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and turn your mind, and not be like your fathers.' (Isaiah 1:1) This passage shows us the origin and purpose of the book. Isaiah was God's prophet who was sent to deliver God's Word to the Israel, a warning from Jehovah to turn their minds and not to be like their ancestors.

"I abhor your New Moons and your Sabbaths, and I abhor your assemblies to which you have called. Your New Moons and your feasts, my heart is angry, and I see them as trouble. (Isaiah 1:13-14) This passage reveals God's dissatisfaction with the false worship of Israel. They worship God in a formalistic way without truly loving Him and obeying His commands. Therefore, God considers their worship to be hypocritical and accuses their worship of being actually "troublesome."

"Come, let us reason among ourselves, saith the Lord. Though your sins be as crimson, they shall be as white as snow; Though they be red as red, they shall be as white as wool. (Isaiah 1:18) This verse conveys God's love and grace. Even though the Israelites committed many sins, God was still willing to forgive their sins, and as soon as they repented and changed their minds, their sins would be washed away and turned white, a symbolic language that showed that they were forgiven.

In conclusion, Isaiah 1 shows God's accusation of unfaithfulness against the Israel, but it also expresses God's love and mercy. This passage provides a cautionary tale for people to truly love God, not just worship Him in a formalistic way. The first chapter of the book of Isaiah contains some important passages, and here are a few of them, their sources, and a brief explanation:

1. "Listen, angels! Let the earth listen! For the LORD says, "I brought up my children and brought them up, and they rebelled against me." (Isaiah 1:2) This is Jehovah's appeal to the nation of Israel to listen to his voice. It was also the beginning of Jehovah's accusation of sin against Israel.

2. "Cleanse yourself from your iniquities, and take away your sins, so that I may see your sins no more. If you are willing to obey, you will eat the good things of the earth; —Isaiah 1:16-17.

In this passage, Jehovah calls Israel to repent and lay down their sins. He told them that only when they forgot their sins and returned to Him could they enjoy the abundance of His grace.

3. "The city of Zion shall be redeemed in righteousness; and those who are converted among them shall be redeemed in righteousness. —Isaiah 1:27.

In this passage, Jehovah assures the Israel that if they repent, he will save them. It also foreshadowed the future Messiah coming to the city of Zion and bringing salvation and righteousness.

4. "Thy princes have done evil, and have conspired with the tyrannical, and have stretched out their hands against the stolen ones, and have bargained with the fatherless, and hath raped the widows." (Isaiah 1:23) In this passage, Jehovah condemns Israel's leaders of injustice and mistreatment of the weak. This is one of the reasons why Jehovah called Israel to repent and turn to Him.

The Book of Isaiah is a book of prophets from the Old Testament of the Bible that is believed to have been written by the prophet Isaiah. Chapter 1 is the beginning of the book, which contains important theological central ideas and theological implications. Here are the main theological central ideas and theological takeaways from Chapter 1:

**Repentance and Return:** In Isaiah chapter 1, Isaiah calls the nation of Israel to repent and turn to God through God's revelation. He pointed out that the nation of Israel had turned away from God's ways and was headed for depravity and injustice. Theology

The mind is that God is a repentant God, and He is willing to accept those who repent and give them new opportunities.

**True Worship:** In chapter 1, Isaiah criticizes the false worship practices of the Israel nation. Although they maintained religious rituals, they were dishonest in their hearts and lacked the true fear of God. The central idea of theology is that true worship is not just about outward form, but also about inner honesty and obedience. **Justice and mercy:** Isaiah emphasizes that God is a righteous and merciful God. He blamed the Israel nation for their unrighteousness, but at the same time expressed God's love and compassion for them. The central idea of theology is that God's justice requires people to do good and righteousness, and that His mercy leads to salvation and grace for sinners.

**Promise of Salvation:** Despite the sin and apostasy of the nation of Israel, in chapter 1, Isaiah also proclaims God's promise of redemption. He prophesied that a future Savior would come and deliver them from slavery to sin. The central idea of theology is:

God's love for mankind is manifested not only in warning and judgment, but also in his willingness to send a redeemer to save the world.

Overall, the theological centralities in Isaiah chapter 1 are about repentance, true worship, God's justice and mercy, and the promise of redemption. These ideas continue throughout the book and become important messages in the days of the prophet Isaiah, as well as spiritual revelations and teachings for later believers.

