

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

ISAIAH CHAPTERS 1-2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE ARGUMENT OF GOD

Discovering the Salvation of the Lord Through The Grace of God

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Introduction to the Text;

Isaiah 1-2

Remembering That, The Ministry of Isaiah Began with The Call of God to Isaiah

Isaiah 6:1,8-9

In the year that King Uzziah died, *I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up*, and the train of His robe filled the temple :8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "*Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?*" Then I said, "*Here am I! Send me.*" :9 And He said, "*Go, and tell this people:*

THE ARGUMENT OF GOD

1.) Look what's happened to your life

v.1-31

1a.) You haven't taken anything to heart

v.2-8

Isaiah 1:2

Hear, **O heavens**, and give ear, **O earth!** For the **LORD** has spoken: "*I have nourished and brought up children, And they have rebelled against Me*

Isaiah 1:3

3 *The **OX** knows its owner And the **DONKEY** its master's crib;
But Israel does not know, My people do not consider."*

Isaiah 1:4

4 Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters!

1b.) You're not really into the worship of Me

v.9-23

Isaiah 1:9-10

9 Unless the **LORD** of hosts Had left to us a **very small remnant**, We would have become like **Sodom**, We would have been made like **Gomorraah**. **10** Hear the word of the **LORD**, You rulers of Sodom; Give ear to the law of our God, You people of Gomorraah:

Human History has Recorded the rise and fall of nations since the beginning. All nations (except one) have an expiration date on them. That is (1) known to God and (2) set by its population.

The Cycle of A Nation

1. The age of pioneer. (vision, passion, simplicity self-rule)
2. The age of conquests. (expansion, development, growth)
3. The age of commerce. (wealth and influence)
4. The age of affluence. (leisure and pleasure)
5. The age of intellect. (self reliance and arrogance)
6. The age of decadence. (tolerance and acceptance)
7. The age of decline and collapse. (greater amount of gov't. and law)

Each stage helps the progression to the next as the values of a people change over time. Power, politics, economics and religious developments – these all shape an empire's citizens to act and believe differently over time.

You're not really into the worship of Me

Isaiah 1:11-15

11 "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?" Says the LORD. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, Or of lambs or goats. **12** "When you come to appear before Me, Who has required this from your hand, To trample My courts? **13** Bring no more futile sacrifices; Incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies - - I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. **14** Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; They are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them. **15** When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.

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Application:

**Israel & Us = "I did not demand that you love Me.
I am not into religious acts. I desire honesty and truth."**

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

King Saul's Sincere Sin of Tainted Worship

1 Samuel 15:19-23

Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?" :**20** And Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. **21** But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal." :**22** So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. **23** For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

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Application:

**Israel & Us = God refuses to hear ungodly prayers.
From the ungodly and from His own people.**

Isaiah 59:1-2

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. **2** But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And **your sins have hidden His face from you**, So that **He will not hear**.

1 John 1:5-10

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. **6** If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. **8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

**God does not hear the prayers of a sinning Christian
UNTIL HE HEARS THE WORDS THAT ARE CONFIRMED BY ACTION,
(Lord forgive me – I have sinned against you and _____)**

Isaiah 1:16-23

16 "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, 17 Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow. 18 "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. 19 If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; 20 But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword";** For the mouth of the LORD has spoken. **21** How the faithful city has become a harlot! It was full of justice; Righteousness lodged in it, But now murderers. **22** Your silver has become dross, Your wine mixed with water. **23** Your princes are rebellious, And companions of thieves; Everyone loves bribes, And follows after rewards. They do not defend the fatherless, Nor does the cause of the widow come before them.

Now He gives the nation the **remedy for sin** and
The **recipe for revival**

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18 "Come now, and let us REASON (argue, debate, decide) 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.**

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Application:

**Israel & Us = This is the only hope for Israel & America.
That God's people would repent of their carnality.**

2 Chronicles 7:13-15

When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, **14 IF** My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.

Isaiah 1:24-26

24 Therefore the Lord says, The **LORD** of hosts, the **Mighty One of Israel**, *“Ah, I will rid Myself of My adversaries, And take vengeance on My enemies. 25 I will turn My hand against you, And thoroughly purge away your dross, And take away all your alloy. 26 I will restore your judges as at the first, And your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city*

**God’s enemies are the self-governed, self-seeking,
self-centered judges of a nation.**

Isaiah 10:1

“Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, Who write misfortune, Which they have prescribed

Proverbs 29:2

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

Isaiah 1:27-31

27 Zion shall be redeemed with justice, And her penitents with righteousness. **28** The destruction of transgressors and of sinners shall be together, And *those who forsake the LORD shall be consumed.* **29** For they shall be ashamed of the terebinth trees Which you have desired; And you shall be embarrassed because of the gardens which you have chosen. **30** For you shall be as a terebinth whose leaf fades, And as a garden that has no water. **31** The strong shall be as tinder, And the work of it as a spark; Both will burn together, And no one shall quench them.

“redeemed with justice”

**There can be no Justice without Judgment.
and there can never be justice without a day of reckoning.**

Atheists do not believe in justice, by their own design - they cannot.
Because if there is no God – then **where is the justice for those murdered**, for the **abused**, for the **robbed**, for the **raped**, for the **tortured**?

Why Should We Care About These Things ?

End of Study

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