

God's Case Against His People

Isaiah 1:2-20; 5:20-24



God Presents His Case

2 Listen, heavens, and hear, earth;

For the Lord has spoken:

“Sons I have raised and brought up,

But they have revolted against Me.

3 An ox knows its owner,

And a donkey its master's manger,

But Israel does not know,

My people do not understand.”

Isaiah 1:2-3 (NASB)



Rebellion Declared

**4 Oh, sinful nation,
People weighed down with guilt,
Offspring of evildoers,
Sons who act corruptly!
They have abandoned the Lord,
They have despised the Holy One of
Israel,
They have turned away from Him.**

Isaiah 1:4 (NASB)



Sick From Head To Heart

**5 Where will you be stricken again,
As you continue in your rebellion?
The entire head is sick
And the entire heart is faint.**

Isaiah 1:5 (NASB)



Bruised & Broken

6 From the sole of the foot even to the head

There is nothing healthy in it,

Only bruises, slashes, and raw wounds;

Not pressed out nor bandaged,

Nor softened with oil.

Isaiah 1:6 (NASB)



Desolate Land

**7 Your land is desolate,
Your cities are burned with fire;
As for your fields, strangers are
devouring them in front of you;
It is desolation, as overthrown by
strangers.**

Isaiah 1:7 (NASB)



Mercy Preserves a Remnant

**8 The daughter of Zion is left like a
shelter in a vineyard,**

**Like a watchman's hut in a cucumber
field, like a city under watch.**

9 If the Lord of armies

Had not left us a few survivors,

We would be like Sodom,

We would be like Gomorrah.

Isaiah 1:8-9 (NASB)



Like Sodom & Gomorrah!

**10 Hear the word of the Lord,
You rulers of Sodom;
Listen to the instruction of our God,
You people of Gomorrah!**

Isaiah 10 (NASB)



Empty Sacrifices

11 “What are your many sacrifices to Me?”

Says the Lord.

“I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams

And the fat of fattened cattle;

And I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs, or goats.

Isaiah 1:11 (NASB)



Trampling My Courts

12 When you come to appear before Me,

Who requires of you this trampling of My courtyards?

Isaiah 1:12 (NASB)



Worthless Incense

13 Do not go on bringing your worthless offerings, Incense is an abomination to Me. New moon and Sabbath, the proclamation of an assembly—I cannot endure wrongdoing and the festive assembly.

Isaiah 1:13 (NASB)



God Hated Their Festivals

**14 I hate your new moon festivals
and your appointed feasts,
They have become a burden to Me;
I am tired of bearing them.**

Isaiah 1:14 (NASB)



Their Prayers Went Unheard

15 So when you spread out your hands in prayer,

I will hide My eyes from you;

Yes, even though you offer many prayers,

I will not be listening.

Your hands are covered with blood.

Isaiah 1:15 (NASB)



God Calls Them To Repent

**16 "Wash yourselves, make
yourselves clean;**

**Remove the evil of your deeds from
My sight.**

Stop doing evil,

Isaiah 1:16 (NASB)



True Worship In Action

**17 Learn to do good;
Seek justice,
Rebuke the oppressor,
Obtain justice for the orphan,
Plead for the widow's case.**

Isaiah 1:17 (NASB)



God Removes Sin's Stains

18 "Come now, and let us debate your case,"

Says the Lord,

"Though your sins are as scarlet,

They shall become as white as snow;

Though they are red like crimson,

They shall be like wool.

Isaiah 1:18 (NASB)



God Gives A Clear Choice

**19 If you are willing and obedient,
You will eat the best of the land;
20 But if you refuse and rebel,
You will be devoured by the sword.”
For the mouth of the Lord has
spoken.**

Isaiah 1:19-20 (NASB)



Calling Evil Good

**20 Woe to those who call evil good,
and good evil;**

**Who substitute darkness for light
and light for darkness;**

**Who substitute bitter for sweet and
sweet for bitter!**

Isaiah 5:20 (NASB)



God Condemns Pride

**21 Woe to those who are wise in
their own eyes
And clever in their own sight!**

Isaiah 5:21 (NASB)



God Condemns Injustice

22 Woe to those who are heroes in drinking wine,

And valiant men in mixing intoxicating drink,

23 Who declare the wicked innocent for a bribe,

And take away the rights of the ones who are in the right!

Isaiah 5:22-23 (NASB)



Sin's Rotten Fruit

**24 Therefore, as a tongue of fire
consumes stubble,
And dry grass collapses in the flame,
So their root will become like rot, and
their blossom blow away like dust;
For they have rejected the Law of the
Lord of armies,
And discarded the word of the Holy One
of Israel.**

Isaiah 5:24 (NASB)



A Gospel Refrain

The Judge who condemns
is the Savior who cleanses.

He doesn't lower the standard -
He bears the sentence.



Recap / Memory Hook

- **God brings His case.**
- **We see our guilt.**
- **He offers us His grace.**



Congregational Reading

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