



A spiritual checkup

Isaiah 1: 1 - 31

The story so far...

Not what you should be...

Nationally v2 - 9

Consequences:

Spiritually v10 -20

Consequences

Socially v21 - 26

Consequences

The choice we all face

Resist and rebel – v20, v2, 5, 23, 28

Penitence – v27

Stop doing wrong, learn to do right: v16 – 19

Willing and obedient – v19

Fighting sin with Jesus – Revelation 3:20



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Reflection Questions

1. Does God always hear our prayers?

Context

2. Read Isaiah 1:1. When did these Kings reign in the Bible's plotline? What has already happened? What is still to come?

Observation

3. Rebellion seems to be the umbrella category describing Israel's condition (v2,5, 20, 23,28). How is their rebellion manifest nationally v2-4? What are the consequences (v5-9)?
4. How is their rebellion expressed spiritually (v10-20)? Why does God reject their sacrifices and worship in v10-15?
5. How is their rebellion expressed socially (v21-26)? What are the consequences?
6. What does God invite in v18-19? What is warned in v20?
7. What does it mean to be penitent (v27 and v16-19)?

Meaning

8. Summarise in your own words God's assessment of Israel's condition?
9. What does God's rejection of worship reveal about the difference between ritual and righteousness? What does this reveal about integrity (or the danger of compartmentalizing) in our relationship with God?
10. Hope and redemption is present in this passage alongside the warning of judgement – penitence is necessary (v27). How is this expressed?

Application

11. Jesus calls us to obey all that he commanded (Matthew 28:20). Pick an area of your life where you would like to grow in in willingness and obedience (v19):
 - A. What does obedience mean you will start to do? What will you stop?
 - B. Who will you invite to ask how you are going with this area of your life?