

A Shelter of Shade

Isaiah 1-4:6

Chapter 1: _____

His Word

My Response

2 Listen, O heavens, and hear, O earth;
For the LORD speaks, "Sons I have reared and brought up,
But they have revolted against Me.

4 Alas, sinful nation,
People weighed down with iniquity,
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.

5 Where will you be stricken again,
As you continue in *your* rebellion?

The whole head is sick,
And the whole heart is faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even to the head
There is nothing sound in it,
Only bruises, welts, and raw wounds,
Not pressed out or bandaged,
Nor softened with oil.

7 Your land is desolate,
Your cities are burned with fire,
Your fields_strangers are devouring them in your presence;
It is desolation, as overthrown by strangers.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard,
Like a watchman's hut in a cucumber field, like a besieged city.

His Word

My Response

9 Unless the LORD of hosts
Had left us a few survivors,
We would be like Sodom,
We would be like Gomorrah.

10 Hear the word of the LORD,
You rulers of Sodom;
Give ear to the instruction of our God,
You people of Gomorrah.

11 “What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me?”
Says the LORD.
“I of burnt offerings of rams,
And the fat of fed have had enough cattle.
And I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs, or goats.

12 “When you come to appear before Me,
Who requires of you this trampling of My courts?

13 “Bring your worthless offerings no longer,
Incense is an abomination to Me.
New moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies_
I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly.

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

15 “So when you spread out your hands in prayer,
I will hide My eyes from you,
Yes, even though you multiply prayers,
I will not listen.
Your hands are covered with blood.

16 “Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean;
Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight.
Cease to do evil,

17 Learn to do good;
Seek justice,
Reprove the ruthless;
Defend the orphan,
Plead for the widow.

His Word

My Response

18 “Come now, and let us reason together,”
Says the LORD,
“Though your sins are as scarlet,
They will be as white as snow;
Though they are red like crimson,
They will be like wool.

19 “If you consent and obey,
You will eat the best of the land;

20 “But if you refuse and rebel,
You will be devoured by the sword.”
Truly, the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

21 How the faithful city has become a harlot,
She *who* was full of justice!
Righteousness once lodged in her,
But now murderers.

22 Your silver has become dross,
Your drink diluted with water.

23 Your rulers are rebels,
And companions of thieves;
Everyone loves a bribe,
And chases after rewards.
They do not defend the orphan,
Nor does the widow’s plea come before them.

Chapter 2: _____

His Word

My Response

5 Come, house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

6 For Thou hast abandoned Thy people, the house of Jacob,
Because they are filled *with influences* from the east,
And *they are* soothsayers like the Philistines,
And they strike *bargains* with the children of foreigners.

7 Their land has also been filled with silver and gold,
And there is no end to their treasures;
Their land has also been filled with horses,
And there is no end to their chariots.

8 Their land has also been filled with idols;
They worship the work of their hands,
That which their fingers have made.

9 So the *common* man has been humbled,
And the man *of importance* has been abased,
But do not forgive them.

22 Stop regarding man, whose breath *of life* is in his nostrils;
For why should he be esteemed?

Chapter 3: _____

His Word

My Response

1 FOR behold, the Lord GOD of hosts is going to remove from Jerusalem and Judah
Both supply and support, the whole supply of bread,
And the whole supply of water;

2 The mighty man and the warrior,
The judge and the prophet,
The diviner and the elder,

3 The captain of fifty and the honorable man,
The counselor and the expert artisan,
And the skillful enchanter.

4 And I will make mere lads their princes
And capricious children will rule over them,

5 And the people will be oppressed,
Each one by another, and each one by his neighbor;
The youth will storm against the elder,
And the inferior against the honorable.

6 When a man lays hold of his brother in his father's house,
saying, "You have a cloak, you shall be our ruler,
And these ruins will be under your charge,"

7 On that day will he protest, saying, "I will not be *your* healer,
For in my house there is neither bread nor cloak;
You should not appoint me ruler of the people."

8 For Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen,
Because their speech and their actions are against the LORD,
To rebel against His glorious presence.

9 The expression of their faces bears witness against them.
And they display their sin like Sodom;
They do not *even* conceal *it*.
Woe to them!
For they have brought evil on themselves.

His Word

My Response

**10 Say to the righteous that *it will go well with them*,
For they will eat the fruit of their actions.**

**11 Woe to the wicked! *It will go badly with him*,
For what he deserves will be done to him.**

12 O My people! Their oppressors are children,

And women rule over them.