

## ISAIAH 1; June 26; Rejected Worship Can Be Acceptable

### ANALYSIS:

1. Isaiah was a prophet to \_\_\_\_\_ and its capital city of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What words in verses 2-6 describe the immoral and unspiritual condition of these people? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why does the LORD refuse their many sacrifices, offerings, and prayers? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What steps does the LORD command to put away their evil?  
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5. If the people confessed their sin and the LORD purged away their dross and restored righteous judges and counselors, what will Jerusalem be called? \_\_\_\_\_

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The people of Judah and Jerusalem were called by God to confess and forsake specifically named sins. If they were willing to listen to the LORD through His prophet and obey, they would prosper. Likewise, if they refused to hear the LORD's prophet Isaiah and continued to rebel, then they would be devoured with the sword. The total destruction of Jerusalem some years later by Nebuchadnezzar tells us they made the wrong choice.

Have you considered the application that all our outward expressions of worship (attending church, taking part in services, helping, and even praying) are not accepted by our God, if we are holding unconfessed sin?

Whenever the LORD convicts us of a sin or duty, let us immediately be "willing and obedient" (v.19) to honor and obey Him.

### HELP:

1. Judah, Jerusalem (v.1).
2. Rebelled, doth not know, doth not consider, sinful, laden with iniquity, evildoers, corrupters, forsaken the LORD, provoked, backward, revolt, sick, faint, no soundness, wounds, bruises, putrefying sores, not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment (vs.2-6).
3. Your hands are full of blood (v.15).
4. Wash, make clean, put away evil doings, learn to do well, seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow (vs.16-17).
5. The city of righteousness, the faithful city (v.26).