

Sermon Outline

Isaiah Series, Part 1: Religious Wickedness (Isaiah 1:1-20)

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Main Idea: Kevin Rogers opens our 8-part series in the Book of Isaiah, reminding us of our great need of Christ due to our great rebellion and sin towards our Creator God.

Sermon Outline:

- I. See your sinful condition (v2-9)
- II. Repent of your hypocritical worship (v10-20)
- III. Act Like Men, be Strong
- IV. Let all that you do be done in Love

Key Quotes:

"We need a sense of sin. We shouldn't fear it or resent it. It is not destructive. It is life-giving, if we have the courage to let Christ save us." - Ray Ortland

"And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' But when he heard it, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."
(Matthew 9:10-13 ESV)

"When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent' (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance." The first of Martin Luther's 95 Theses.

Fellowship Starters

1. Read Isaiah 1:1-20 and open in prayer.
2. 2 Kings 15-20 and 2 Chronicles 26-32 provide the context of Isaiah's ministry. In it we read that the leaders of Israel and Judah regularly chose to trust in earthly kings and nations for provision and protection rather than in God. Discuss Isaiah's opening verses to Judah (v2-8) and how they are reflective of a life lived apart from and in rebellion towards God.
3. Discuss the nature of sin and how apart from regeneration and a pursuit of a relationship with God we too are unable to please God and live our lives for his glory.
4. Discuss the Ortland quote and Matthew 9:10-13 verses above.
5. Read the first of Luther's 95 Thesis' above. Discuss how the Christian life, a life of being a follower/disciple of Christ should be understood and lived out as a "life of repentance."
6. Close your time in prayer for one another, asking God to give us a greater sense of the fullness of the gospel in forgiving us and cleansing us, even while we continue to ask for ongoing grace and strength to grow more and more into the image and character of Jesus Christ our Savior.



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