

**“Repentance in the Life of the Believer”**

**Isaiah 1:1-20**

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**Four truths for the church from almighty God about repentance.**

**1. God is grieved and angered over the rebellion of His people.**

“For the LORD has spoken: ‘I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me’” 1:2

“Rebels” 1:28.

“Rebelled” 66:24

**Listen to God’s grief and anger:**

- “My people do not understand” 1:3
- “Ah, sinful nation” 1:4
- “Why do you persist in rebellion?” 1:5
- “I have had more than enough...” 1:11
- “Your incense is detestable to me” 1:13
- “I cannot bear your evil assemblies” 1:13
- “Your New Moon festivals and your appointed feasts my soul hates. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them” 1:14
- “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit...” Ephesians 4:30

Ephesians 4:31-32

**2. Rebellious hearts can be disguised with service and worship.**

“‘What are your multiplied sacrifices to me?’ says the LORD. ‘I have had enough of burnt offerings, of rams’” vs. 11 NASB.

**3. God will bring pain into our lives to get us to repent.**

Isaiah 1:6

God is saying - look at the pain I’ve brought into your lives. Don’t you see I’m trying to get your attention?

Do you think He is going to stop at anything to get our attention and make us holy?

“Where will you be stricken again, as you continue in your rebellion?” 1:5

The remedy for rebellion is repentance!

Isaiah 1:16

Revelation 2:4

We see almost the same pattern, prescription and remedy in Revelation as we did in Isaiah:

- Remember – “Remember the height from which you have fallen!” Rev. 2:5
- Repent – “and do the things you did at first” Rev. 2:5
- Realize – there are dire consequences for remaining stiff-necked while God is trying to get our attention. “If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place” Rev. 2:5
- Listen – “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” Rev. 2:7

Hebrews 12:5-13

“...but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness” Hebrews 12:10.

God only hurts us in order to help us.

Hosea 6:1

Isaiah 1:18

“...have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him” Isaiah 1:4

“why should you be beaten anymore?” Isaiah 1:5

#### **4. God tells us exactly what He desires after we repent of our rebellion.**

Isaiah 1:17

- The remedy for rebellion is repentance: stop doing wrong.
- The result of repentance is right living: start doing right.