

The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that  
Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns[a] of  
Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah of Judah.

2 Listen, heavens, and pay attention, earth,  
for the Lord has spoken:

“I have raised children and brought them up,  
but they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knows its owner,  
and the donkey its master’s feeding trough,  
but Israel does not know;  
my people do not understand.”

4 Oh sinful nation,  
people weighed down with iniquity,  
brood of evildoers,  
depraved children!  
They have abandoned the Lord;  
they have despised the Holy One of Israel;  
they have turned their backs on him.

5 Why do you want more beatings?  
Why do you keep on rebelling?  
The whole head is hurt,  
and the whole heart is sick.

6 From the sole of the foot even to the head,

no spot is uninjured—

wounds, welts, and festering sores

not cleansed, bandaged,

or soothed with oil.

7 Your land is desolate,

your cities burned down;

foreigners devour your fields

right in front of you—

a desolation, like a place demolished by foreigners.

8 Daughter Zion is abandoned

like a shelter in a vineyard,

like a shack in a cucumber field,

like a besieged city.

9 If the Lord of Armies

had not left us a few survivors,

we would be like Sodom,

we would resemble Gomorrah.

10 Hear the word of the Lord,

you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the instruction of our God,

you people of Gomorrah!

11 “What are all your sacrifices to me?”

asks the Lord.

“I have had enough of burnt offerings and rams

and the fat of well-fed cattle;

I have no desire for the blood of bulls,

lambs, or male goats.

12 When you come to appear before me,

who requires this from you—

this trampling of my courts?

13 Stop bringing useless offerings.

Your incense is detestable to me.

New Moons and Sabbaths,

and the calling of solemn assemblies—

I cannot stand iniquity with a festival.

14 I hate your New Moons and prescribed festivals.

They have become a burden to me;

I am tired of putting up with them.

15 When you spread out your hands in prayer,

I will refuse to look at you;

even if you offer countless prayers,

I will not listen.

Your hands are covered with blood.

16 “Wash yourselves. Cleanse yourselves.

Remove your evil deeds from my sight.

Stop doing evil.

17 Learn to do what is good.

Pursue justice.

Correct the oppressor.

Defend the rights of the fatherless.

Plead the widow’s cause.

18 “Come, let’s settle this,”

says the Lord.

“Though your sins are scarlet,

they will be as white as snow;

though they are crimson red,

they will be like wool.

19 If you are willing and obedient,

you will eat the good things of the land.

20 But if you refuse and rebel,

you will be devoured by the sword.”

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken. (Isaiah 1:1-20 CSB)

**READER:** May the Holy Spirit guide us into the truth. Together, we pray:

**EVERYONE:** May His Truth transform our lives. In Jesus’ mighty name, Amen.

**READER:** You may now be seated.

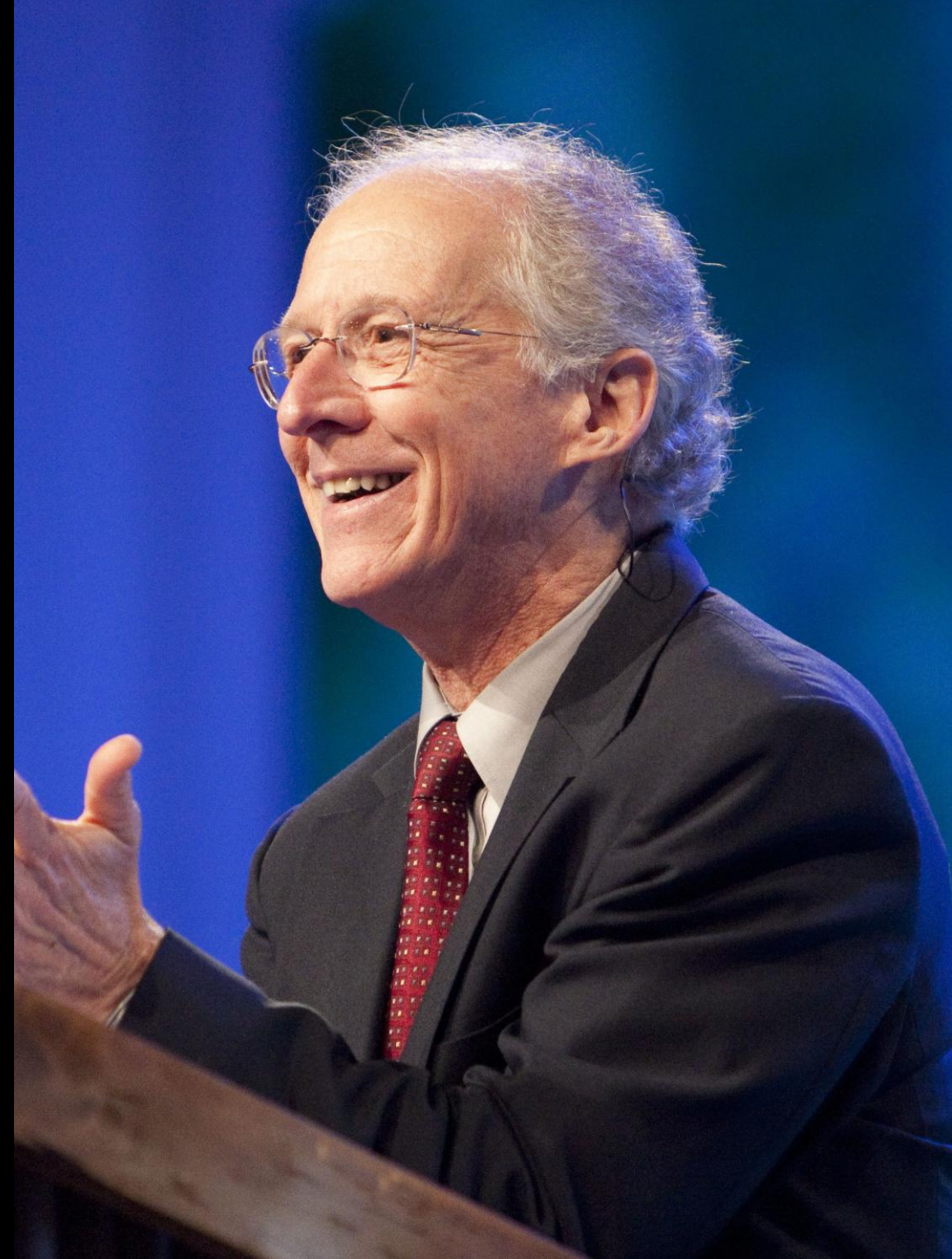
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Isaiah: “The Lord Saves”

**Prophet:** A divinely appointed spokesperson who faithfully delivered God's message to God's people.

## *Two Types of Prophets:*

1. *Old Testament* – infallible message from God
2. *New Testament* – fallible impressions that must be tested by scripture



1. Movement of **Rebellion**

2. Movement of **Ritual**

3. Movement **Restoration**

# **1. Movement of *Rebellion* – Trusting everything but God**

**Isaiah 1:2-4:**

***Listen, heavens, and pay attention, earth,***

***for the Lord has spoken:***

***“I have raised children and brought them up,***

***but they have rebelled against me...***

***4 They have abandoned the Lord;***

***they have despised the Holy One of Israel....***

Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Matthew 5:3 (CSB)

The kingdom of God does not belong to the *self-sufficient*.

The kingdom belongs to the **poor in spirit**.

The kingdom belongs to **those who know they need God**.

1. Movement of Rebellion – Trusting everything but God

2. *Movement of **Ritual** – Worshipping without Surrender*

What are all your sacrifices to me?” asks the Lord....

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I will not listen.

Isaiah 1:11-15 (CSB)

God rejects their worship because their worship had become disconnected from the way they were actually living.

These people honor me with their lips,

but **their hearts are far from me.**

They worship me in **vain....**

Matthew 15:8-9 NIV

Husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way...so that your prayers will not be hindered.

1 Peter 3:7

- “When you spread out your hands in prayer, I refuse to look at you” (Isaiah 1:15)
- “...your prayers will be hindered” (1 Peter 3:7)

**Am I surrendered to God?**

1. Movement of Rebellion – Trusting everything but God
2. Movement of Ritual – Worshipping without Surrender
3. *Movement of **Restoration** – Returning to God*

*Isaiah 1:16-17:*

- *"Wash yourselves."*
- *"Make yourselves clean."*
- *"Remove your evil deeds."*
- *"Stop doing evil."*
- *"Learn to do good."*
- *"Pursue justice."*
- *"Correct the oppressor."*
- *"Defend the rights of the fatherless."*
- *"Plead the widow's cause."*

"Come, let's settle this,"

says the Lord.

"Though your sins are scarlet,

they will be as white as snow;

though they are crimson red,

they will be like wool."

Isaiah 1:18 CSB

## This is the heart of God:

- The same God who confronts sin is the same **God who invites sinners near.**
- The same God who exposes darkness is the same **God who offers cleansing.**
- The same God who reveals our need is the same **God who provides a remedy.**

"If you are **willing and obedient**,  
you will eat the good things of the land."

"But if you **refuse and rebel**,  
you will be devoured by the sword."

Isaiah 1:19-20

The God who exposes our **rebellion**...

The God who rejects our empty **rituals**...

Is the same God who delights in offering us **restoration**...

- Lord, where have I been placing my trust instead of trusting You?
- Lord, what am I holding onto that You are asking me to surrender?
- Lord, how are You inviting me to return to You today?