

The Mouth of the LORD has Spoken

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.

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.

“Most Christians don’t hear God because they’ve already decided they aren’t going to do what He says.”
A.W. Tozer

Hear this... (verse 10)

Give ear... (verse 10)

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- Remove the evil of your deeds from my sight.
- Cease to do evil.
- Learn to do good
 - Seek justice
 - Reprove the ruthless
 - Defend the orphan
 - Plead for the widow
- Come now, 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.

If - you consent and obey

Then - you will eat the best of the land

BUT

If - you refuse and rebel

Then - you will be devoured by the sword

Truly - the mouth of the LORD has spoken

vv 10-15 Rejected worship - if we are to participate in acceptable worship we must be circumcised of heart, not just outward cleanliness but a clean that must make clean.

- Do you ever wash your carpets?
- To get clean you must start with clean
- If you use used water to clean another room you only contaminate the other room.
- When you extract the dirt you must remove the dirt
- Stop (cease) doing this

Sin is defiling to the soul like dirty soap water is to clean carpet.

The Biblical way to clean ourselves is to repent.

- Repentance is not only sorrow for the committed sin, it is breaking off that future sin

Clean yourselves = REPENTING. Turning from it (sin) to God.

1. Repent
2. Stop doing these sins from God's eyes (Most don't think of God like this: He is all present, He knows all that we do, He sees all that we do.)
3. Cease doing evil. John Owen - "Sin must be mortified or crushed."
4. Learn to do good
 - a. This is necessary: After repenting we then must do good.

- b. Learn = something we don't know must be introduced into our lives so we then know to do that which we previously didn't know.
 - c. To Do Good = We don't repent and then just stand there. We repent and do...
 - i. Seek Justice (judgment)
 - ii. Reprove the ruthless
 - iii. Defend the orphan
 - iv. Plead for the widow
5. Come now, let us reason together
- a. This is an image of a courtroom.
The Bar of Justice
The Standard

See the difference? Here is Righteousness
 Here is you in your sin

Though your sins are like THIS
"I will make them like THIS"

Repent! - not just stopping. It involves an opposite doing.
Not a saving doing: A doing in salvation

Cease to do evil
Learn to do Good

6. God is our Ransom
The high God is our Redeemer!

This salvation is not a liberty to sin, it is a salvation from sin and the just punishment of that sin.

God is able to save to the **uttermost!** (Go to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost.)

CONCLUSION:

Come with me to the cross for a moment

- LOOK - here is you in your sin
- LOOK - there is your Redeemer
- LOOK - here is your apathetic routine.
- LOOK - there is your Captain
- LOOK - here is your judgment
- LOOK - there is your Savior

Don't turn away now oh conscience, **Behold Your God**