

Isaiah: The Holy God and His Mission to the World
Religion isn't enough: What happens when worship doesn't touch our lives.
Isaiah 1:10-20

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God grace, mercy and peace be with you.
And also with you.

Reading

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Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom;
listen to the instruction of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
¹¹ "The multitude of your sacrifices—
what are they to me?" says the LORD.
"I have more than enough of burnt offerings,
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;
I have no pleasure
in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.
¹² When you come to appear before me,
who has asked this of you,
this trampling of my courts?
¹³ Stop bringing meaningless offerings!
Your incense is detestable to me.
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—
I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.
¹⁴ Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals
I hate with all my being.
They have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.
¹⁵ When you spread out your hands in prayer,
I hide my eyes from you;
even when you offer many prayers,
I am not listening.
Your hands are full of blood!

Wash and make yourselves clean.
Take your evil deeds out of my sight;
stop doing wrong.
¹⁷ Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.^[a]
Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.
¹⁸ "Come now, let us settle the matter,"
says the LORD.
"Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.
¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,
you will eat the good things of the land;
²⁰ but if you resist and rebel,
you will be devoured by the sword."
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Questions/Discussion

1. **Ice Breaker:** What is a "ritual" or habit you do every single day (like how you make your coffee or your bedtime routine) that you could do in your sleep?
 2. **Going Deeper:** Why do you think it is so easy for us to separate "church life" from "real life"? What are the dangers of keeping them separate?
 3. **Application:** Looking at verse 17 (seek justice, defend the oppressed), what is one practical way our small group or family can "worship" through action in our local community this week?
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