

Great Invitation Isaiah 1:1-20

Six simple easy to understand words, Yet Israel would not listen
God wanted to take them back, they refused
Are we really any different today?
Consider This Invitation

God's Power

God's incalculable power is seen in the creation - **Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 11:3**
The power of God is further seen in the governing of the universe - **Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:17**
But this passage shows the power of God to remove the dreadful stains of sins
We can remove stain from cloth but cannot remove stain of sin from soul, our own nor others
However, God through his Son Jesus Christ provides cleansing agent - **1John 1:7; Ephesians 1:7**
Elder identified to John those arrayed in white robes before the throne of God - **Revelation 7:14**
Christ shed his blood in his death, sinful man reaches its cleansing power in baptism - **Romans 6:3-4**

God's Grace

Almost from beginning man stained and contaminated his soul by sin
Though God made Adam and Eve, they chose satan, transgressing God and his will - **Genesis 3**
But even though man has been so rebellious against God, God has shown his grace time and again
He could have destroyed all men in the flood, but he Noah and thus sparing humanity
He could have destroyed the Jews for rebellion, but he gave them many opportunities to return
Finally, as the greatest demonstration of his grace, he sent his Son - **John 1:29; 2Corinthians 5:21**

God's Reasonableness

God's explanation of creation is reasonable
More reasonable to believe in supreme power and wisdom than unintelligent, inanimate matter
God's laws of conduct are reasonable
When followed, enjoy far greater happiness and stability than wisdom and appetites of man
Grave danger in mocking God's Way and exalting doomed-to-destruction ways of godless men
God's plan of salvation is reasonable
Jesus preached it was necessary for men to believe on him, repent of their sins, confess their faith
in him, and be baptized for the remission of their sins - **John 8:24; Luke 13:5; Matthew 10:32-33**
His great commission teaches the same thing - **Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:46-47; Mark 16:15-16**
Apostles under this commission taught same thing, that men must believe in Christ, repent of
their sins, and be baptized in order to be saved. **Acts 2,8,9,10,16,18**
This great plan of salvation is very reasonable because
Faith in Christ destroys the love of sin; Repentance destroys the practice of sin; Confession of
one's faith in Christ destroys allegiance to sin; Baptism destroys the guilt of sin
Though God's plan of salvation is based on faith, wisdom of God's way gives reason for man's faith.

Man's Responsibility

God has always given man responsibility of doing for himself - **Matthew 11:28-30**
Noah could not keep the flood from coming, but he could build the ark as God told him to do
Blind man could not cure blindness but could go wash as Jesus told him to do. **John 9**
We cannot remove our own sins, but we can believe in Christ through evidence God has given
We can repent of our sins; we can confess our faith in Christ the Son of God - **Acts 8:36-37**
We can be baptized in name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Spirit - **Matthew 28:19**

Man's Urgent Need

Now is time to accept invitation for cleansing - **2Corinthians 6:2; Romans 1:16; Proverbs 23:26**
For our good in this life and for our eternal welfare, the Lord says, "Come now"