



Religious Manipulation

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WEEK 3

Isa. 1:10-20

10 Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; give ear to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah: 11 "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?" Says the LORD. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs or goats. 12 "When you come to appear before Me, who has required this from your hand, to trample My courts? 13 Bring no more futile sacrifices; Incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies– I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. 14 Your New Moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; They are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them. 15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. 16 "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, 17 learn to do good; Seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, plead for the widow. 18 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; 20 But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword"; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
(Isaiah 1:1-9, NKJV)

I. What Were They Doing?

1. (Leviticus 1-7).
2. (Exodus 30:7-8).
3. (Leviticus 19:3).
4. (Numbers 10:10).

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(Leviticus 23).

II. What Was the Problem?

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III. What Does God Call Them to Do?

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IV. Take Aways

For Dead Israelites:

Worship God with you hearts and stop trying to manipulate Him trough religious rituals given through Moses. If you turn back, you will be forgiven and experience prosperity in the land. If you keep rebelling, your country will be conquered by your neighbors.

For Us:

Worship is about your relationship with God, not so you can manipulate Him. Worship is living out the truth every day, not just on Sunday. If you are willing to change this unhealthy, sinful habit, you will be forgiven and experience intimacy, impact, security and belonging to God.

For Fun:

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