

## God's Second Charge : Insincere Worship

### Isaiah 01: 11–20

#### ***God's second charge:***

***Their worship was insincere,  
unacceptable***

1. The scathing accusation:  
The worship was phony, empty  
and ritualistic
  - 1) They worshipped,  
but hypocritically (vv. 4, 10):  
Were rejected by God
  - 2) They came to God,  
but their coming was worthless,  
nothing more than  
trampling His courts
2. The strong command:  
They must stop their formal,  
false worship
  - 1) Their meaningless offerings
  - 2) Their detestable incense
  - 3) Their evil assemblies  
|and their special services:  
Festivals and feasts
    - Were hated by God
    - Had become a weary burden to Him
  - 4) Their formal prayers:  
Were not heard by God because  
their hands were as murderers,  
guilty of treating the needy  
unfairly and unjustly
3. The astounding offer of clemency,  
a full pardon:  
Through spiritual cleansing
  - a) They must repent:  
Turn from evil and learn to do right
    - Seek justice
    - Help the oppressed
    - Defend the fatherless
    - Plead for the widow

- 11 “The multitude of your sacrifices –  
what are they to me?” says the LORD.  
“I have more than enough of the 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 And 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.
- 16 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.  
Take up the case of the fatherless;  
plead the case of the widow.

<p>2) They must come to the LORD and reason with Him: Face His convincing arguments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They were sinful, 2-4</li> <li>• They could be forgiven</li> </ul> <p>4. The warning: Two possibilities</p> <p>1) If they obeyed, would be rewarded</p> <p>2) If they kept turning away and rebelling, they would be destroyed: Judgment was certain, declared by God's Word</p>	<p>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 as crimson, they shall be like wool.</p> <p>19 If you be willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land;</p> <p>20 But if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.” For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.</p>
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