

God's Third Charge : Injustice and Deceitfulness

Isaiah 0: 21–31

Cod's third charge:

They were unjust, deceitful

1. The picture of a just and righteous city:
Became unfaithful — full of murderers

1) Had been like pure silver and wine
but were now impure and worthless

2) Had corrupt leaders

- Were covetous, sought bribes
- Refused to help and defend the fatherless and widows

2. The verdict and sentence:
Pronounced by the LORD,
the Mighty One of Israel

a) He will judge,
get rid of all His enemies

b) He will purge away
all the impurities of the city

c) He will restore righteous leaders:
Jerusalem will be called
The City of Righteousness,
the Faithful City

d) He will place the repentant people in
the new, redeemed city of Jerusalem

e) He will execute true justice
against all rebels and sinners,
all who forsake Him

- They will be ashamed and disgraced:
Due to their false worship

- They will suffer the fate of the things
in which they trusted: Fade away

- They and their works will be burned,
suffer in an unquenchable fire

21 See how the faithful city has become a prostitute!
She once was full of justice;
righteousness used to dwell in her —
but now murderers.

22 Your silver has become dross,
your choice wine diluted with water.

23 Your rulers are rebels,
companions of thieves;
they all love bribes and chase after gifts.
They do not defend the cause of the fatherless;
the widow's case does not come before them.

24 Therefore the Lord, the LORD Almighty,
the Mighty One of Israel, declares:
“Ah! I will vent my wrath on my foes
and avenge myself on my enemies.

25 I will turn my hand against you;
I will thoroughly purge away your dross
and remove all your impurities.

26 I will restore your leaders as in days of old,
your rulers as at the beginning.
Afterward you will be called
the City of Righteousness, the Faithful City.”

27 Zion will be delivered with justice,
her penitent ones with righteousness.

28 But rebels and sinners will both be broken,
and those who forsake the LORD will perish.

29 You will be ashamed because of the sacred oaks
in which you have delighted;
you will be disgraced
because of the gardens that you have chosen.

30 You will be like an oak with fading leaves,
like a garden without water.

31 The mighty man will become tinder
and his work a spark;
both will burn together, with no one to quench the fire.