

Come, Let Us Reason Together

Isaiah 1:16-20

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- Reason (OT): *yakach* – “to prove, to decide, to judge, to rebuke, to reprove, to correct, to be right.” (Thayer and Brown Driver & Briggs Hebrew Lexicon)
- Reason (NT): *dialogomai*; “1) to think different things with one’s self, mingle thought with thought (1a) to ponder, revolve in mind 2) to converse, discourse with one, argue, discuss.” (Thayer)

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- Acts 14:19-22, “*But there came Jews thither from Antioch and Iconium: and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and entered into the city: and on the morrow he went forth with Barnabas to Derbe. And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, and to Iconium, and to Antioch, confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that **through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God.***”

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- Hebrews 3:12-13, “*Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God: **but exhort one another day by day**, so long as it is called Today; lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin”*”

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Though your sins be as scarlet, • Though they be red like crimson, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they shall be as white as snow; • they shall be as wool. |
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Isaiah 1:18

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Come, Let Us Reason Together From the Scriptures (Isaiah 1:2, 10)

- Where truth is found. *John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17*
- Where grace is found. *Acts 20:24, 32; Titus 2:11-12 (cf. John 1:14, 18)*
- Where fellowship is found. *1 John 1:1-4, 5-7; 2 John 9*

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The Apostles Reasoned From the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Peter 3:15)

- Acts 17:2-4: “to set before (one) in teaching” (alleging)
- Acts 17:17: To try to save them
- Acts 18:4: To persuade the lost (of sin) and bring to salvation
- Acts 18:19: With the Jews (attempt to convert them)

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The Apostles Reasoned From the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Peter 3:15)

- Acts 19:8: Daily dispute using Scriptures to persuade men
- Acts 19:9: Daily activity of the apostle
- Acts 20:7: Preaching (“discoursed”) - Reasoning (verse 9)
- Acts 24:25: To bring conviction of sin, repentance and salvation

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Come, Let Us Reason Together About Sin (Isaiah 1:12-15)

- Nature of sin.
 - Rebellion against God. 1:2-3
 - Forsaking God. 1:4
 - Corrupting. 1:5-8
 - Makes service to God vain. 1:11-15

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Come, Let Us Reason Together About Sin (Isaiah 1:12-15)

- Sin is purged by repentance. 1:16-17
 - “Put away evil” (cease). 1:16; Colossians 3:5, 9
 - “Learn to do well.” 1:17
 - Justice, mercy, faith. 1:21-23; Matthew 23:23
 - Fruit of repentance. Luke 3:8; Acts 8:21-22; 26:20

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Come, Let Us Reason Together About Salvation (Isaiah 1:18-20)

- God still offers mercy, grace. 1:9, 18, 24-27
 - Love, mercy, and grace saves us. Ephesians 2:4-7; Titus 3:5-7
 - Blood of Jesus. Romans 5:8-9
- Man’s faith is required. 1:19
 - Obey God’s word. Ephesians 2:8; James 2:24; Hebrews 5:9

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Come, Let Us Reason Together About Judgment (Isaiah 1:20)

- Righteous judgment. 1:24-25, 28
- Day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God. Romans 2:5
- Accept God’s word – Repent and be cleansed (saved)

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