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Isaiah 1:18

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“Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”  
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The prophet’s opening vision of Israel’s sin and Yahweh’s anger at their sin is tempered – if only God’s people will “come, and reason together” with the LORD! The theme and scope of Isaiah is marvelous. True to prophetic giftings he sees the sin of his people clearly and without the guise of humanistic thought to muddle reality. There are no excuses made for their sin and rebellion, but rising continually above the din and clatter of sin, is the Father heart of God calling and wooing His people back to Himself.

Lest we latch onto this verse and endeavor to interpret it through human aptitude alone, we must begin with the clear understanding that this is not an exercise in excusing our sin or in justifying sinful actions or thoughts. Rather, it is a clear and open invitation for us to gain the prospectus of Heaven – to see our sin for what it is and to then and only then receive the mercy required to have our sins – though they have stained our lives like scarlet and blotted our hearts like crimson to find hope for us in Messiah – to have those stains not only covered, but washed away!

Today may be your day to “come and reason” with the LORD. Allow the conviction of His Spirit to press fully upon your heart. Stop justifying yourself in God’s sight and repent. Turn with confidence to the mercy of God – hiding nothing! Your sin – though it has stained your heart and life – can now be made white as snow!

Now give Him thanks!

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