

## **“Crimes and Consequences”**

### **Isaiah 1**

#### **Crimes V. 1-9**

Rebellion – Hebrew *pasa* – A refusal to recognize boundaries. The Hebrew people knew the expectations and law of God and simply refused to follow it. **Deuteronomy 31:24-29**

- Animals know their master and where the barn is.
  - Injured people inflict no more pain and seek out a Doctor.
- Yet we continue to rebel against God. Sodom and Gomorrah.

What gives God the right to set the boundaries?

- The Holy One – The one and only true God, His Sovereignty. His essence.
- Creator God – He made, owns and knows everything. His actions.
- God’s Covenant – The agreement Israel (us today) made with God.  
His relationship
- Our Heavenly Father – The loving guiding relationship established. His nature.

**Psalm 103:6-19**

#### **Right or Wrong Response V. 10-20**

Hypocritical Ritual V. 10-15 – God again compared them to Sodom and Gomorrah in their following of the law. They brought sacrifices and religious outward behavior but were devoid of any intimate relationship with God. It was meaningless, empty posturing and God was sick and tired of it! **Matthew 23:25-28**

Repentance V. 16-20 - God calls them to true repentance. Stop the evil deeds, the extorting of people, the sacrifices to others gods and do what is right and just! **Psalm 51**  
Behavior is a reflection of the heart, behavior also influences the focus of the heart.

#### **Consequences V. 21-31**

Present Condition V. 21-24 – Extortion, self-righteousness, idolatry, abuse, and thievery. **Hosea 1-3**

Consequences V. 25-31 – Full heartfelt repentance or God will destroy, sift, burn off and break the rebellion. **Philippians 2:1-11**

#### **Three points of application:**

The nature of true religion – Relationship and obedience. **1 John 4:13-21**

The positive effect of Judgment – Judgment brings about change. **Hebrews 12:3-17**

The danger of false security – Brings doubt, fear and leads us away from God.

**2 Timothy 1:3-14**

## **Discussion Questions**

What crimes are we guilty of?

What responses do we as a people or individually face?

What are the positive or negative consequences we face today?

## **Homework**

**Read *Isaiah 2***

**Answer the following questions:**

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

**Identify one thing that you need to repent of this week and actively replace that with a positive response.**