

## THE VITALS OF A DISCIPLE

Isaiah 1:1–6

1 THE vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: For the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, And they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knoweth his owner, And the ass his master's crib: But Israel doth not know, My people doth not consider.

4 A sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, A seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: They have forsaken the LORD, They have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, They are gone away backward.

5 Why should ye be stricken any more? Ye will revolt more and more: The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; But wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: They have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

# SERMON NOTES

## Spiritual Sickness | Isaiah 1:1-20

### 1. The Diagnosis: Spiritual Sickness

- Isaiah calls Israel to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe (Isa. 1:2–3).
- The nation is like rebellious \_\_\_\_\_ who ignore their Master.
- Israel's religious activity was \_\_\_\_\_ (Isa. 1:11–15; Mat. 15:7–8).
- Even though they were outwardly religious, their \_\_\_\_\_ were far from God. (Isa. 29:13)

### 2. Symptoms of Spiritual Sickness

- Lethargy: feeling \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer and Bible reading
- Timidity: \_\_\_\_\_ or fear in approaching God
- Compromise: casual attitude toward \_\_\_\_\_
- Criticism: hyper-focus on the perceived \_\_\_\_\_ of others
- Bitterness: disengagement from the \_\_\_\_\_
- Relativism: measuring right and wrong by \_\_\_\_\_ instead of Scripture

Untreated, these symptoms lead to spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Sources of Spiritual Sickness

- Neglect:** skipping prayer, ignoring Scripture, disengaging from \_\_\_\_\_
- Injury:** betrayal, loss, sin, abuse, or spiritual attacks; these untreated wounds leave the soul \_\_\_\_\_ and vulnerable

### 4. The Cure

- Isaiah 1:16–17: Stop/Cease | Learn | Seek
- The cure requires:
  - Admit your \_\_\_\_\_
  - Turn from \_\_\_\_\_
  - Trust in the Great Physician, Jesus, who took our \_\_\_\_\_ upon Himself
- Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection conquered sin and death. By faith, our sins can be made \_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:16; Romans 10:9)

...They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Mark 2:17