

**Go For God World.**  
**Sermon No 6**  
**God's Gracious Invitation**



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## Bible Reading

### Isaiah Ch1v18 God's Gracious Invitation.

*Come now 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. Amen.*

B&S The prophet Isaiah has been called the evangelical prophet. He lived and wrote some 700 years before the birth of Jesus Christ. He declared the message of God's love for you and for me for sinner over a period of 40 years. This opening verse that I just read is a complete Gem. For God is speaking here to you and me, to us. He is taking the initiative in offering to be the Saviour of all who are willing put their trust in Him. We can see here how much He loves us, and how much that He longs for our Salvation. He begins, *Come now let us reason together*. If we are to consider all this, all is summed up in the four letter word **COME**. B&S there are 642 personal invitations in the Holy Bible to come, and it is God who gives the invitation every time. Isn't that amazing? I never knew that until I studied this. But B&S why is it gracious? Because of the behaviour and character of the people to whom it is addressed. To find out what type of people that God is speaking to here and also relating to us you have only got to read **Isaiah Ch1v2-6** which declares the utter decline or depravity of man. B&S I think this portion of scripture is so important that I am going to read it out in full

**Now I want you to listen** Isaiah Ch 1v2-6 here it is verse  
*2 Hear, O Heavens! Listen, O earth! For the Lord has spoken.  
I reared children and brought them up, but they rebelled  
against Me. 3 The Ox knows its owner, the Donkey its master,  
but Israel does not know, My people do not understand.  
4 Ah, sinful nation, a people loaded with guilt, a brood of  
evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the  
Lord, they have spurned the **Holy One of Israel** and turned  
their backs on Him, 5 Why should you be beaten any more?  
Why do you persist in rebellion? Your whole head is injured,  
your whole heart afflicted, 6 From the sole of your foot to the  
top of your head there is no soundness, only wounds and  
welts and open sores, not cleansed or bandaged or soothed  
with oil. Amen **B&S** you can see here that God is not pleased,  
He is disappointed with His people. It paints a bad picture.  
Yet it magnifies the grace and love of God. When we realise  
that although we are so sinful and rebellious that the Lord  
loves us and longs for us so much, He actually invites us to  
come to Him and receive this wonderful gracious invitation of  
salvation. **B&S** The Lord loves us so much through our faults  
and failings. He is so gracious, that It is always be you that will  
do the wrong, never Him. Although we are such sinful people  
He actually invites us to come and sit with Him and to reason  
together. **WOW** Come and present your reason for not  
accepting His gracious invitation. **B&S** Could anything be more  
fair and friendly than that? His offer to sinful men and women*

Against our awful background He says, come and give Me your reasons for not responding to My invitation.

Some of the excuses people use not to come are.

I am too bad to come I have done terrible things.

But that is not a valid reason in the light of Isaiah 55v7 where it says. *Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return to the Lord.*

Then there are those who say, I have too many problems and situations in my life. But Jesus says *Come unto Me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest*, Plus He says *Cast your cares upon Me for I care for you.*

What about the person who says, not just now, sometime later on, there is plenty of time. This is not true, gambling with time. Proverbs 2v11 states. *Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for you know not what a day will bring.*

The Bible's advice is, ***Today is the day of Salvation.***

Not tomorrow B&S Today! Then we have the person who thinks they are good enough for heaven and would say something like, I am a good person, I do no one any harm I keep myself to myself and I do my best.

B&S Our best will never be acceptable in the sight God, for there is none good, no not one. Of course there are those who say, I have changed, I have reformed I have turned over a new leaf, I am not the same person as what I used to be a couple of years ago. I no longer Gamble, Drink, Smoke, Take Drugs, Watch Porn, or Curse, or do any of those things I have reformed, in every way I'm different.

## Is that what they think???

My Bible tells me, unless a man is Born Again they will not see the kingdom of Heaven, or if any man be in Christ he is a new creature. So what is it that God offers to those who will respond to His invitation to come? B&S It is summed up in the words, **Listen Carefully** *Though your sins be like scarlet they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool. Amen* This means B&S That God is offering a full and free pardon and forgiveness for their sins, and a complete transformation of life, a new creation. The reference to scarlet and crimson indicate the worst of sins, scarlet is a deep red colour that is easily seen, and this is how our sins appear to God. So what is being offered? **1** Forgiveness for the worst of sinners. No-one is too bad to come to Him, All are invited, including the worst or greatest of sinners.

**2** By nature we are all bad, sinful, and lost. It is true B&S that some are more bad than others, Paul said *he was the chief of sinners*, he also referred to himself *O Wretched man that I am*. Some people serve the Lord from a very early age, while others may come at the last few months or weeks of their life. Both kinds find joy in the greatest of salvation that He offers.

**Romans Ch10v13** states. *For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Amen* **WHOEVER** and B&S He invites all to come, because all need to come. Isaiah Ch 45v22 says. *Look unto Me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is no one else. Amen*

B&S It is great to know we can come to Him just as we are. Bring your baggage, bring your troubles, bring your bowl with all your poisons in it, all the things that you know in life that suck the life out of you, and give it to Him, give it to Him But we cannot stay as we are, come as you are , but you cannot stay as you are. When we come the work of transformation begins to take place. *He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion.*

The Holy Spirit begins to change you, this is what is meant by *Though your sins are like scarlet they shall be as white as snow.* Do you get it B&S do you see that? You are coming to Him with a bowl full of scarlet sins, big sins doesn't make any matter for He's wiping them all clean like snow.

*Though your sins are like scarlet they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool.*

**Do you see it B&S? Do you see it?** Do you see how your coming, do you see what He's doing with them.?

How is all this possible? It is only possible through the blood, the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, only through His work on Calvary over 2017 years ago. This is God's amazing offer to sinners. Have you accepted His offer? Have you come to Him and received His pardon and His cleansing of your sins?

Are you rejoicing in the fullness of His grace and His love for every minute of every day? I sure hope so. If you haven't .

Then please make it a priority in your life to do so.

May God bless you real good, let's close in prayer.

## ***True To His Word***

*The man at the edge of the crowd sat alone  
He listened to all that was said  
The speaker was talking of Jesus  
And the five thousand people He fed  
He then spoke of Jesus curing the blind  
And causing the crippled to walk  
Was this man who was speaking telling the truth  
Or was he speaking to hear himself talk  
The man who listened was sightless from birth  
His world was a lonely dark room  
No colour to brighten his daydreams  
His future was sadness and gloom  
With a cry that suprised those around him  
The man called to God of his plight  
Let Your Son, who I know is the light of the world  
Light my life that I too may have sight  
Now, the man sees a colourful world  
By the grace of Jesus his Lord  
He put all his faith in his Saviour  
For Jesus is true to His word*