

“let us reason together saith the the Lord” Isaiah 1:18

Reading Isaiah 1:10-20

3 things we understand about God from v 18:

1- He is a God who seeks us:

God initiated the invitation to Israel “Come.”

God is in the business of pursuing sinners.

- In Gen. 1-2 the bible presents God as the Almighty the creator of everything. Then in Gen 3 we see Him searching after sinners. Gen. 3:8-9 “And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?”

- Luke 19. the story seems to portray Zacheas as the one seeking after Jesus, but in the end Jesus said that He came to seek after Zachaeas.

God is searching for you.

2- He is a God who comes down to us:

God told Israel “let us reason together” that means He came down to their level to communicate with them.

Psalm 113:7 KJV “He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth the needy out of the dunghill” some translations has ash-heap or garbage dump.

Phil 2:5-8 “**5** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.”

3- He is a God who cleanses us:

“if your sins like scarlet or crimson they will be white as snow”

"When the female of the scarlet worm species was ready to give birth to her young, she would attach her body to the trunk of a tree, fixing herself so firmly and permanently that she would never leave again. The eggs deposited beneath her body were thus protected until the larvae were hatched and able to enter their own life cycle. As the mother died, the crimson fluid stained her body and the surrounding wood. From the dead bodies of such female scarlet worms, the commercial scarlet dyes of antiquity were extracted.”

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God was telling Israel no matter how sinful you are, I can wash you clean from that sin. **This very God came down** to us and walked our land, His name was Jesus and He went to the cross for us and on the cross, He shed his blood. that Blood of Jesus can cleanse us from every sin “and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from **all sin**” 1 John 1:7

you might say “pastor, you have no idea, I had an **abortion/bound by alcohol/involved in an immoral relationship** in the past...

the Bible say the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from **all sin**” that includes abortion

Friend; there is no sin that the Blood of Jesus can’t cleanse,
no shame that the blood of Jesus can’t clean.
no guilt that the blood of Jesus can’t wipe out.

look to what Paul said “ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals,[a] nor sodomites, **10** nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.” 1 Cor 6: 9-11

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel’s veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E’er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.