

Isaiah 1:21-31  
The Purging of a Nation

The Status of the Holy City (21-23)

Idolatrous (Ezekiel 16:30-31, 43)

Injustice – among the rulers (Isaiah 58:6-7 / James 1:28)

The Purging (24-26)

Removing impurities (II Corinthians 7:1)

Restoring judges (Psalm 82 / Proverbs 14:34; 24:23-25; 28:5)

Righteousness and faithfulness returned (Proverbs 25:5 / Hosea 2:19-20)

The Redemptive Work (27-31)

For the penitent ones – the path to righteousness

It is not self-improvement

It is self-abasement (Psalm 51:17 / Isaiah 66:2 / Philippians 3:7-9)

For the rebellious ones

Shame and disgrace (Psalm 25:3)

Sparking a fire that consumes (Joel 2:1-11)

## Discussion questions for Isaiah 1:21-31

How does the status of the Holy City Jerusalem in Isaiah's day compare with the United States today? How does this impact our lives and our future in this country?

God's method of purging was to remove impurities, restores judges and see righteousness and faithfulness return to His people. How can we apply these principles to our local church body?

How did Jesus respond to those who were self-righteous? (Matthew 23) Why do self-improvement and/or self-help plans not bring lasting change?

Describe the pathway to true redemption and change in our lives?