Isaiah 1:1-20 • God’s Refining Process

1. (v.1-4) The true children of God are the product of **obedience**, those who follow through their knowledge of Him with a **heart** for Him; otherwise they become another’s **children**, completely unacceptable to and for Him.
2. (v.5-6) **Rebellious** children view punishment simply as a small price to pay to **get** what they **want**.
3. (v.7-9) There comes a time when God removes the **unresponsive** unfaithful and begins again with the **responsive** faithful.
4. (v.10-15) An outward appearance of **obedience** never makes up for an inward pursuit of one’s own **desires**. This is actually the definition of “**hypocrisy**”.
5. (v.16-17) Authentic recovery from **hypocrisy** is characterized by an authentic change in **behavior**.
6. (v.18-20) The final, ultimate choice is to “**consent and obey**” (v.19) or “**refuse and rebel**” (v.20) before God **separates** the faithful from the unfaithful.