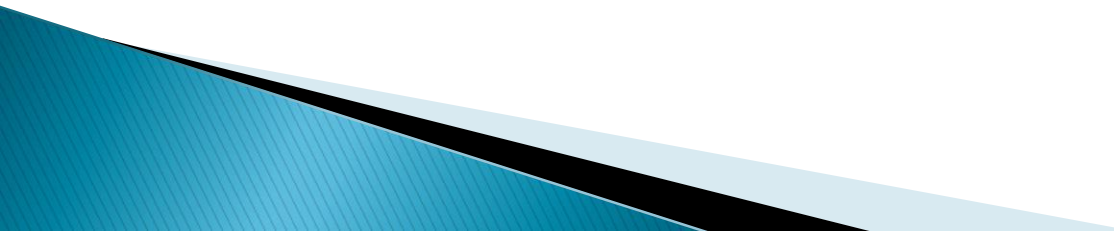


Come Let Us Reason Together!!

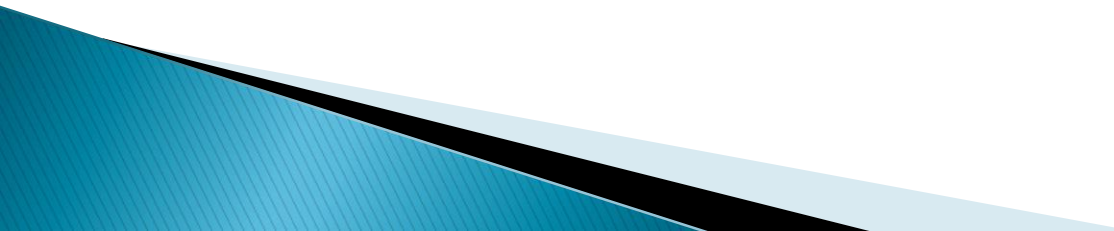
Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let's settle this,"
says the Lord.



Isaiah 1:2 Listen, O heavens! Pay attention, earth! This is what the Lord says: "The children I raised and cared for have rebelled against me. NLT

- Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye, this court is now in session

- ▶ vs. 2b – 3 The Charge of Rebellion
 - ▶ vs. 4 – 9 The Consequences of Corruption
 - ▶ vs. 10 - 17 The offer of Clemency – Stop and Listen - I want true repentance and evidence of changed behavior
 - ▶ vs. 18 The Appeal to Reason
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But now he appeals to the distinctive power reason, which only humans know, with his offer of mercy. Two facts stand out in God's invitation- *"Come now and let us reason together."*

- **First** is the fact that God takes the initiative to redeem his people. Whether it is God searching for Adam in the garden, or Christ coming to seek and save the lost, the initiative of love is the story of both the Old and New Testament.
- **Second** factor is that God gives priority **to reason over feeling or willpower** as the entry point to the human soul. Although reason alone is not sufficient for salvation, people have to be convinced of the truth before they can either experience the truth or act upon it.
- **Side note**

Matthew 7:24 "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock.

▶ **Noah Webster 1828 Dictionary - Reason**

1. That which is thought or which is alleged in words, as the ground or cause of opinion, conclusion or determination. I have reasons which I may choose not to disclose. You ask me my reasons. I freely give my reasons. The judge assigns good reasons for his opinion, reasons which justify his decision. Hence in general,
2. The cause, ground, principle or motive of anything said or done; that which supports or justifies a determination, plan or measure.

▶ **REASON**, in the English language, is sometimes taken for true and clear principles; sometimes for clear and fair deductions; sometimes for the cause, particularly the final cause.

▶ **REASON** is the director of man's will.

▶ **It is not what we know that we know that is the problem, it is what we think we know that we don't know that is the problem.**

In Isaiah it was the Lord who spoke, what is He speaking now?

- ▶ December of 2019 prior to Covid - Isaiah 43:19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? NIV
- ▶ The questions of what might be “*new*” and asking what might be “*springing forth*”?

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How many of us have tried to put together a jigsaw puzzle with a bunch of pieces missing?

