

# Empty Religion – Isaiah 1:10-20

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1. Judah was busy keeping the external activities of religion.
2. God was disgusted with Judah's religious activity because it was not an expression of humble trust in Him that bore the fruit of love for others; especially the weak and vulnerable.
3. God called Judah to repent of their empty religion and be washed clean.

## Questions for Discussion & Application

1. What was confusing, convicting, or encouraging from this study of scripture?
2. How have you been tempted to focus on the external activity of religion without a sincere focus upon and trust in the Lord?
3. What might be some examples of false motivations for religious activity besides the worship of God and love for others?
4. As those who have received God's love, who are the weak and vulnerable around us that we are called to love? How is God using you to care for such persons?
5. Is there any area where you need to heed the call to repent of empty religion and be washed clean? What gives us certainty that we can be made clean when we turn to the Lord?