

Treasure Hunt

- Why is it unusual that Isaiah confesses sin in vv. 9-15?
- What other examples are there of righteous people who confess along with their sinful fellows?
- What examples are there where God holds the community responsible for the sin of the individual?

Overview of Isaiah 58-66

False vs. True Worship	58:1-14	66:1-24
Indictment & Confession	59:1-15a	63:7-65:25
The Redeemer	59:15b-21	63:1-7
Zion's Glory (2fs)	60:1-22	62:1-12
The Redeemer	61:1-11	

Righteous Confessors

Moses, after the golden calf: Exo 34:9 let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it *is* a stiffnecked people; and **pardon our iniquity and our sin**, and take us for thine inheritance.

Jeremiah: 3:25 **we have sinned against the LORD our God**, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and **have not obeyed** the voice of the LORD our God.

14:7 O LORD, though **our iniquities** testify against us, do thou *it* for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; **we have sinned** against thee.

Daniel, after reading Jeremiah's promise of restoration after 70 years: 9:4-5 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, ... 5 **We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled**, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

Ezra, on discovering sinful unions: 9:5-6 I fell upon my knees, ... 6 And said, O my God,... **our iniquities** are increased over *our* head, and **our trespass** is grown up unto the heavens.

Nehemiah, on hearing of the destruction of Jerusalem: 1:7 **We have dealt very corruptly** against thee, and **have not kept** the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.

An unsigned psalm: Psa 106:6 **We have sinned** with our fathers, **we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.**

Not just “All have Sinned”

David:

Psa 18:20-23 The LORD rewarded me **according to my righteousness**; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. 21 For **I have kept** the ways of the LORD, and **have not wickedly departed** from my God. 22 For all his judgments *were* before me, and **I did not put away his statutes** from me. 23 **I was also upright** before him, and **I kept myself from mine iniquity**.

Hezekiah:

Isa 38:2-3 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, 3 And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how **I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is good in thy sight***. And Hezekiah wept sore.

Corporate Responsibility: Josh 7

Achan's sin:

Jos 7:1 But **the children of Israel committed a trespass** in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and **the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.**

The Judgment at Ai:

Jos 7:4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai. 5 **And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men:**

Corporate responsibility:

Jos 7:11 **Israel hath sinned**, and **they** have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for **they** have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and **they** have put *it* even among their own stuff.

Solution:

Jos 7:25 And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones. 26 ... So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger.

Corporate Responsibility: 2 Sam 24

The Sin:

2 ... the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people. ... 10 ... And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

The Judgment:

15 So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men.

The Paradox:

17 And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

The Solution:

25 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

Corporate Responsibility: 1 Cor 5 & 11

The Sin:

1Co 5:1 It is reported commonly *that there is* fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

The Responsible Community:

1Co 5:2-7 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. ... 6 Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that **a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?** 7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened.

The Solution:

1Co 5:9, 13 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: 13 ... Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

1Co 11:28-29 But let a man **examine himself**, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not **discerning [διακρινω] the Lord's body**.

The Judgment:

1 Cor 11:30 For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

General Principles

God's Process for Purity

1 Cor 11	Stage
1 Cor 11:31 For if we would judge [διακρινω] ourselves, we should not be judged.	Internal discipline by the community
32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord,	Chastening by the Lord
that we should not be condemned with the world.	Judgment of unbelievers

How broad is our responsibility?

Israel: Impact on Moab? Edom? Ai???

1Co 5:9-13 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: 10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. 11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, **if any man that is called a brother** be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one **no not to eat**. 12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? 13 But them that are without God judgeth. ...