



Lenten

Reflections

The Divine Intervention

March 14, 2017

Scripture

Isaiah 1: 10, 6-20

Hear the word of the LORD,
princes of Sodom!

Listen to the instruction of our God,
people of Gomorrah!

Wash yourselves clean!

Put away your misdeeds from before my eyes;
cease doing evil; learn to do good.

Make justice your aim: redress the wronged,
hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow.

Come now, let us set things right,
says the LORD:

Though your sins be like scarlet,
they may become white as snow;

Though they be crimson red,
they may become white as wool.

If you are willing, and obey,
you shall eat the good things of the land;

But if you refuse and resist,
the sword shall consume you:

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken!

Our Scripture Reflection

Isaiah the great prophet is called by The Lord to preach repentance to His people. And how bad was their sin? God says they are like princes, that is leaders, of the hideously perverted people of Sodom and Gomorrah. How are they to make clean the filth encrusted around their disgusting hearts? "Make justice your aim: redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow." In other words, doing what is right and just wipes away a multitude of sins.

Food for your Journey

The little kid, 4 years old, came screaming out of the bathroom to tell his dad he'd dropped his toothbrush in the toilet. So, Dad fished it out and threw it in the garbage.

The boy stood there thinking for a moment, then ran to the bathroom and came out with another toothbrush — his dad's. He held it up and said with a charming little smile, "We better throw this one out, too, then, 'cause it fell in the toilet a few days ago."

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Have mercy on me for the many times I have rejected Your love through my sins. Wash me clean with Your holy and Precious Blood. Amen.