

## Isaiah 1:27

### ZION REDEEMED WITH JUDGMENT

- I. The necessity.
  - A. "Zion" is used in three ways.
  - B. Spiritual evaluation:
    - 1. Zion in the broad sense was worthy of God's wrath, as chaff (along with weeds).
    - 2. Zion in the narrow sense is the body of the elect (though it still has an old man).
  - C. Zion shall be "redeemed."
    - 1. Redemption is vindication by a near relative who took up the cause of a family member who was in dishonor.
    - 2. Isaiah sees Zion to be in great debt, a captive of a foreign power and a price must be paid to liberate her.
- II. The way in which Zion is redeemed is with "judgment" and "righteousness."
  - A. The idea behind the words.
    - 1. Righteousness is to be holy and perfect.
    - 2. Judgment means that God does justly and His judgment is according to His righteousness.
  - B. Zion cannot pay the price, but God Himself does, in His love and grace. We would and do only increase our debt!
    - 1. He gave His only begotten Son to be Zion's near-Kinsman who took the responsibility for all our debt and shame/dishonor.
    - 2. This means that Zion is redeemed through the judgment of the wicked world.
    - 3. It also means that the chaff and our old man is condemned and destroyed.
- III. "Shall be" indicates certainty.
  - A. The visible facts seem to contradict God's word through Isaiah.
    - 1. Seemed impossible that historic Zion, because God's wrath on her for her sins would be utter destruction.
    - 2. Spiritually it is also impossible for sin is such a mighty powerful captor.
  - B. But God says that Zion shall be redeemed.
    - 1. Faith in the truth of God's Word overcomes all the doubts and fears caused by what we see or feel.
    - 2. The reason for the certainty.