

Isaiah 1:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

Analysis

God questions the futility of continued chastisement when it produces only further rebellion. The medical imagery (sick head, faint heart) depicts terminal spiritual illness. The rhetorical question implies both divine grief and the hardening that accompanies persistent sin, anticipating Paul's description of being 'given over' to sin's consequences (Romans 1:24-28).

Historical Context

Judah had experienced invasions, political instability, and economic hardship as covenant curses (Deuteronomy 28), yet responded with increased apostasy rather than repentance.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. Have you become desensitized to God's corrective discipline in your life?
2. What patterns of persistent sin require you to examine whether your heart has hardened?

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Jeremiah 2:30 (Parallel theme): In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

Nehemiah 9:34 (Parallel theme): Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them.

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