

# 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

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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

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

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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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?

## Interlinear Text

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מִתְּנַשֵּׁל

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Why should ye be stricken

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כָּל

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רְאֵשׁ

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תֹּאֵשׁ

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תֹּאֵשׁ יִפְאֵל

more and more

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לְבָבָךְ

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and the whole heart

any more ye will revolt

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the whole head

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is sick

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faint

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 24:13** (Parallel theme): In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee.

**Isaiah 31:6** (Parallel theme): Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted.

**Jeremiah 5:3** (Parallel theme): O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

**Jeremiah 5:31** (Parallel theme): The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

**Jeremiah 9:3** (Parallel theme): And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD.

**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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