

Isaiah 22:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

Analysis

'And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.' Divine pronouncement of irrevocable judgment: this sin won't be atoned for until death. The defiant hedonism of verse 13 ('eat, drink, tomorrow we die') seals their fate. This represents crossing a point of no return—persistent hardness leading to judicial hardening. The phrase 'revealed in mine ears' emphasizes Isaiah receiving direct divine communication. This wasn't speculation but revealed certainty. The judgment won't be purged (atoned/forgiven) until death—both physical death of the generation and potentially eternal judgment. This demonstrates the seriousness of willful sin after knowing truth (Hebrews 10:26-27)—despising divine discipline hardens the heart beyond repentance.

Historical Context

This was fulfilled in the generation that experienced Babylonian destruction—the leaders who rejected prophetic warnings and pursued defiant hedonism died in the siege and exile. Many never returned, dying in Babylon. The pronouncement didn't preclude individual repentance (Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel lived through this period) but indicated corporate judgment on the rebellious leadership. This pattern repeats: when societies corporately reject divine warnings, judgment comes despite individual exceptions. Church history includes such corporate judgments—nations or churches that persistently reject truth experience decline

and judgment even while individual believers remain faithful. The principle that sin can reach a point beyond atonement in this life (though not eternally for the elect) warns against presuming on divine patience.

Related Passages

John 15:13 – Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 – God is love

Study Questions

1. What does sin not being purged until death teach about crossing points of no return?
2. How does corporate judgment operate alongside individual accountability?
3. What warnings does this provide against presuming on God's patience?

Interlinear Text

וְנִתְלֶל הָ	בְּאַזְנֵי הָ	אֲבָאוֹתָ	יְהִי הָ	אֲמָ	כִּפְרָ
And it was revealed	in mine ears	GOD	of hosts	H518	shall not be purged
H1540	H241	H3069	H6635		H3722
אֲדֹנָי אָמָר רָ	תִּמְתַּחַת לְ	עַד לְכֶם	פְּנֵי הָ	כְּפָעָם	אֱלֹהִים
Surely this iniquity	H2088	H0	H5704	from you till ye die	saith the Lord
H5771				H4191	H559 H136
אֲבָאוֹתָ	יְהִי הָ				
by the LORD	of hosts				
H3068	H6635				

Additional Cross-References

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 5:9 (References Lord): In mine ears said the LORD of hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant.

1 Samuel 3:14 (Sin): And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

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