

Isaiah 2

qualities, in your love for your own people, and we shall be saved. We are an unclean thing, our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. We are nothing. There is nothing we can do. Just come and save us. Come and help us. Just come and deliver us. There is none that calls on your name because you are not leading us to. You've hid your face from us and consumed us because of our iniquities." It sounds like a travesty on Calvinism. Calvinism says, "We have turned away from God. Oh, let us seek Him with our whole hearts. Let us pray that God will show His mercy to us. Let us accept the wonderful offer He has made," and Calvinism says, "We know that God has chosen before the foundation of the earth those who will accept, or those to whom He will give the strength to accept, but it looks to them then to have a broken and a contrite heart and to confess that he and he alone is guilty, and that he deserves eternal punishment and it is only God's goodness that saves us, but here are some who seem to be saying, "Well, now there is nothing we can do about it. Our righteousness is like filthy rags. We can't help it. There is nothing we can do. It's in God's hands. V. 8 says, "We are the clay and you are the potter. There is nothing we can do about it. Why don't you save us? You were good to our ancestors; you were good to those people. Why aren't you good to us. Why don't you deliver us? Give us the mercy you gave to our ancestors. We are your chosen people. We pray for this blessing which they had. Do not be wroth very sore, or remember our iniquities. Behold, we are your people. That's the reason--we are your people. You didn't bear rule over them. You bore rule over us and selected us. We are your people. Give us your blessing. Don't give it to them. Verse 11, our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire. Look at the temple that was dedicated to God. It's burned with fire. Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O Lord? Wilt thou behold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?" You see the argument. How can God continue to have His temple in ruins? It's His temple. He had it built. How can He leave His people in misery? They're His people.