

Bible Portion: Isaiah 1:15-20

Many times when we are called to serve, we wonder or say to ourselves - I am not qualified for this...or... Am I not a sinner?

What are we doing here...focusing on our sins and shortcomings!

But see what is said in Isaiah 1:18. ("Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.")

God knows our sins are like scarlet, red as crimson, but He has given us a way out. We all know that it is possible only through Jesus, our **one and only** sacrifice!

When we are surrounded by temptations and overwhelmed by sin, we may try our best to get out of it, but only to end up going in circles and getting deeper into it. That is what happens when we use our abilities to overcome sin and temptation; instead of keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith!

When we focus on Jesus and not on our shortcomings, we get to see the beauty in resting on him; we learn to let go of all that holds us back; we learn to walk the walk that was intended for us by God.

When we constantly remind ourselves of the fact that '**He is our shade at our right hand**', we will be led to do what is right - For the will of God will not take us where the grace of God will not protect us.

When we come before God in prayer, to worship Him let us not bring our sin baggage before Him but let us bring that one offering that took our place on the cross - Jesus.

"Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him." - 1John 3: 21, 22

During this season of lent, let us be conscious of what Jesus is to each one of us!