

# ISAIAH

THE FIFTH GOSPEL

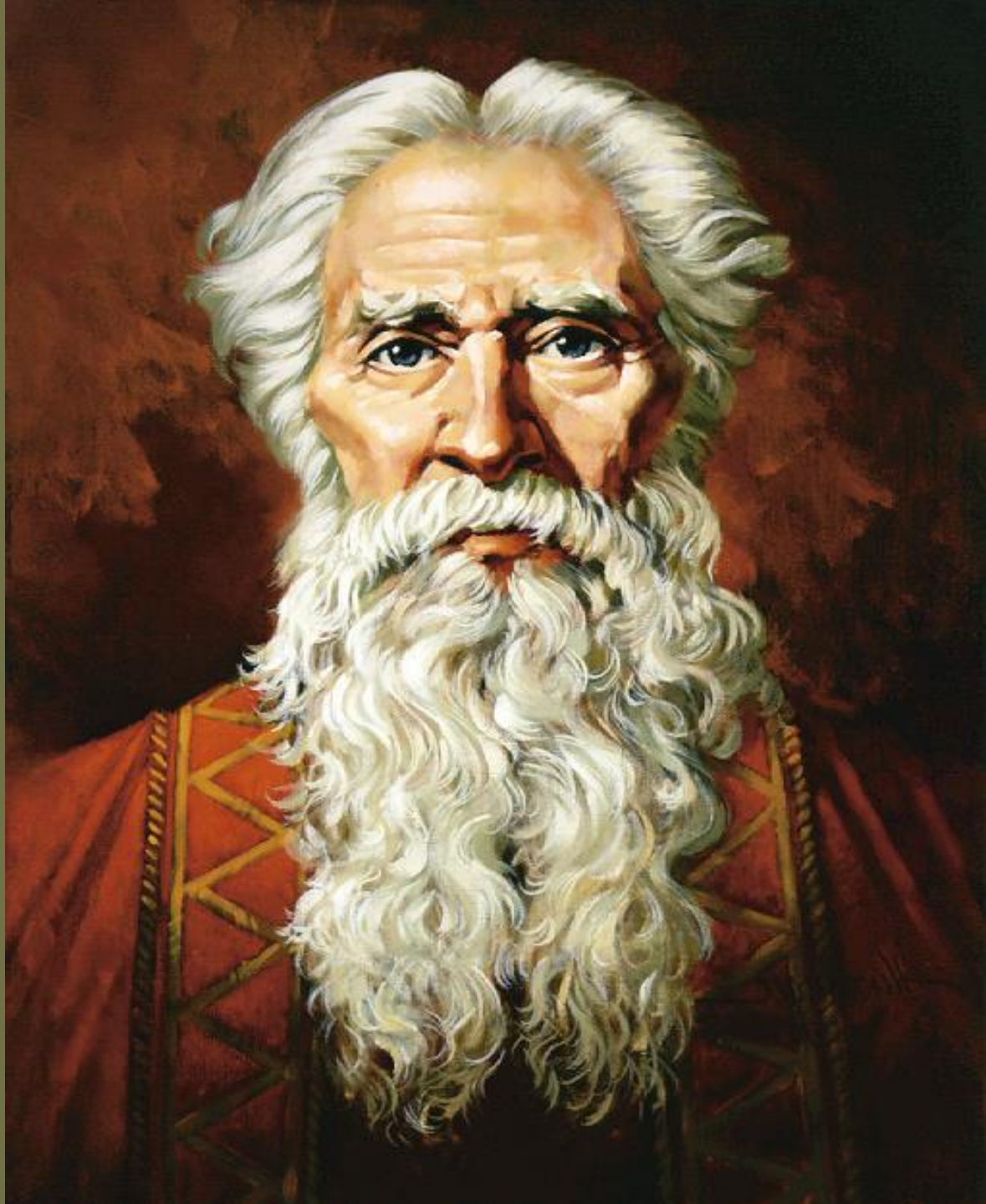


God Confronts

ISAIAH 1:10-20

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# The Law of Unintended Consequences

- *Passenger-side airbags in mid-1990s in the United States*
- *Australian state of Victoria made safety helmets mandatory*
- *1920s Prohibition of alcohol in the United States*
- *Introduction of rabbits in Australia and New Zealand for food*
- *1876 introduction of Kudzu to the US as an ornamental plant*
- *2003 Barbra Streisand sued Ken Adelman and Pictopia.com*
- *Risk Compensation after implementation of safety measures*



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***God confronts His people about the consequences of their actions.***



**10 Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah!**

**11 “The multitude of your sacrifices – what are they to me?” says the Lord. “I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.**

**12 When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts?**



**13 Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations – I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.**

**14 Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.**

## ***Exodus 16:22-30***

### **OBSERVING SABBATH = TRUST IN GOD**

- ***PROVISION OF MANNA FOR SUSTENANCE***
- ***TAKE ONLY WHAT IS NEEDED TO FEED YOU TODAY***
- ***PEOPLE GATHERED EXTRA . . . 'EXTRA' ROTTED***
- ***GOD COMMANDED TAKE 'DOUBLE PORTION' ON THE SIXTH DAY (SINCE NO WORK ON THE SABBATH)***
- ***THE 'DOUBLE PORTION' TAKEN ON THE SIXTH DAY DID NOT ROT!!!***





**15 When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood!**



**16 Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong.**

**17 Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.**

**In what ways does your  
*love for God*  
motivate you to practice  
care for others?**



**18 “Come now, let us settle the matter,” 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.**

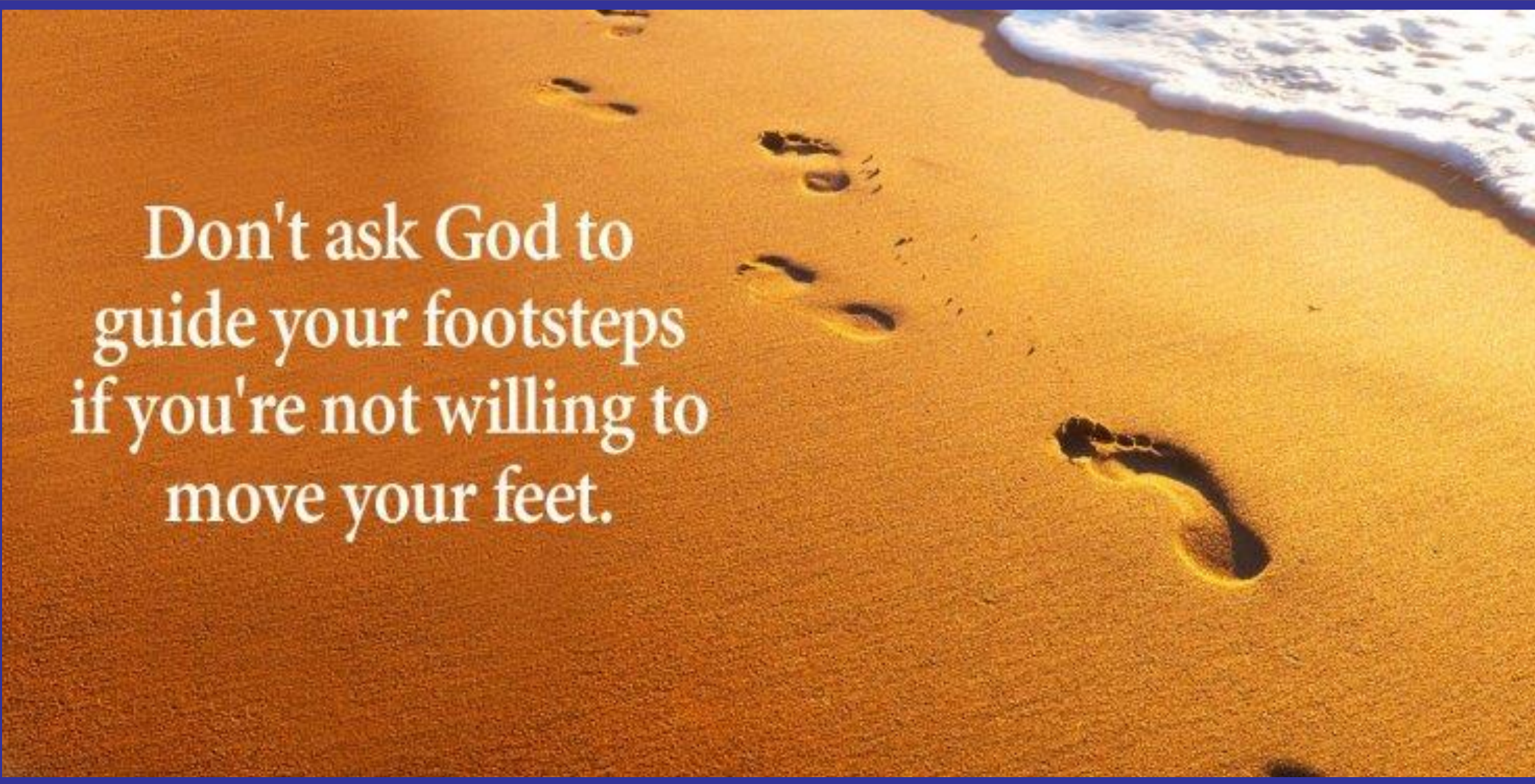
**19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land;**



**20 but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.” For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

# **Undeniable Truth:**

*Whatever God does to bring us to Himself is an act of loving kindness, no matter how difficult His discipline may seem.*

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Don't ask God to  
guide your footsteps  
if you're not willing to  
move your feet.