Hearing Jesus: Repentance

Isaiah 30:15

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Repentance is the natural progression of humility.

Humility involves seeing myself accurately

Humility involves understanding my relationship to God and others properly

Therefore, I will grasp the negative impact of my thoughts and actions.

Sin is essentially an attempt to meet my own wants or needs at the expense of or in spite of God and others

Sin separates me from God

Sin separates me from God’s people

Therefore, sin separates me from God’s voice

Repentance**:** to turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life

(Merriam-Webster)

Before I can repent I must identify the problem, or sin

Once I identify the problem I must decide to do something about it

Once I have decided to do something about my sin I must follow through

The results of repentance according to Isaiah 30:

 I open myself up to God’s direction

 I open myself to God’s provision

Isaiah 30:15

**15**This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says:

“In repentance and rest is your salvation,
    in quietness and trust is your strength,
    but you would have none of it.

Isaiah 30:1&2

“Woe to the obstinate children,”
    declares the Lord,
“to those who carry out plans that are not mine,
    forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit,
    heaping sin upon sin;
**2**who go down to Egypt
    without consulting me;
who look for help to Pharaoh’s protection,
    to Egypt’s shade for refuge.

Isaiah 30:18

**18**Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you;
    therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.
For the Lord is a God of justice.
    Blessed are all who wait for him!

Isaiah 30:20&21

**20**Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. **21**Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”

Isaiah 30:23-26

**23**He will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows. **24**The oxen and donkeys that work the soil will eat fodder and mash, spread out with fork and shovel. **25**In the day of great slaughter, when the towers fall, streams of water will flow on every high mountain and every lofty hill. **26**The moon will shine like the sun, and the sunlight will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven full days, when the Lord binds up the bruises of his people and heals the wounds he inflicted.