

# Lenten Reflection

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Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20

Matthew 23: 1-12

**Ah! God's call to conversion of heart ~  
a lifelong mantra placed in our spirits!**

Hear and respond,  
abandon evil, embrace good,  
live justly, herald right relationships!

**Ah! The disquieting rub of conversion of heart~**

Ultimately facing our own hypocrisies, double standards,  
exacting expectations of others,  
personal or collective pride,  
self-righteous attitudes of superiority!

So ugly when we notice these traits in others...  
so easily rationalized and excused  
when others confront these traits in us!

**Ah! The possibility of genuine conversion of heart~**

God's gift of grace, upon grace, upon grace  
to each of us on the life journey  
toward wholeness, integrity, light and truth.

God's gift of grace, upon grace, upon grace  
to each of us throughout the arduous journey  
of Gospel-mandated humble service  
withheld from no one we meet along the way!