

Isaiah 1:11-17

Common English Bible

- ¹¹ What should I think about all your sacrifices?
says the LORD.
I'm fed up with entirely burned offerings of rams
and the fat of well-fed beasts.
I don't want the blood of bulls, lambs, and goats.
- ¹² When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from you,
this trampling of my temple's courts?
- ¹³ Stop bringing worthless offerings.
Your incense repulses me.
New moon, sabbath, and the calling of an assembly—
I can't stand wickedness with celebration!
- ¹⁴ I hate your new moons and your festivals.
They've become a burden that I'm tired of bearing.
- ¹⁵ When you extend your hands,
I'll hide my eyes from you.
Even when you pray for a long time,
I won't listen.
Your hands are stained with blood.
- ¹⁶ Wash! Be clean!
Remove your ugly deeds from my sight.
Put an end to such evil;
- ¹⁷ learn to do good.
Seek justice:
help the oppressed;
defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.