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Because God is loyal and faithful

Isa. 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall <u>be as white</u> as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Living as we do, in Northwest Colorado, we tend to see plenty of snow every year. In fact, we could box some up and ship it to you if you need some. Actually, there is nothing as clean and pure as new fallen snow. It is so pure and clean and beautiful. In today's passage, we see the comparison that God draws between our sins and our forgiven state.

The Hebrew phrase be made as white is **yal bi nu** which means to be made pure, clean or made white. Isaiah puts it into a picturesque language so that we can see the stark contrast between our sin and our Savior's remedy. We see the sins that have stained us so terribly, can be washed in the blood of the Lamb and be made spotless, clean, pure and completely removed.

David mentions this same thing in Ps. 103:10-12 He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. He washed us clean, as white as snow. Let us meditate today on the fact that we have been made whole and clean. We are like a fresh fall of God's grace upon the world. Embrace His picture of who you are.

Dear LORD, we praise You LORD for making us clean when we were covered with sin. Instead, we are now covered by the blood of the Lamb and His payment for our sin debt is complete. Thank You LORD, In Jesus Name, Amen