

# **Different Outcomes**

## **Isaiah 57**

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### **A. The Outcome of the Righteous (Isaiah 57:1-2)**

**1. Not given or considered by the world (57:1)**

**2. Future peace and reward (57:2)**

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### **B. The Outcome of the Wicked (Isaiah 57:3-21)**

#### **1. The wickedness revealed (57:3-13)**

**a. By heritage (v 3)**

**b. By childish pride (v 4)**

**c. By blatant idolatry (vv 5-8)**

**d. By unholy alliances (v 9)**

**e. By reprobation (v 10)**

**f. By spiritual blindness (v 11)**

**g. By self-righteousness and vanity (vv 12-13)**

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### **B. The Outcome of the Wicked (Isaiah 57:3-21) - continued**

#### **2. Certain if God is rejected (57:14-21)**

**a. If the stumbling block is not removed (v 14)**

**b. If repentance is not made (vv 15)**

**c. If God's nature is not understood (16)**

**1). Chances will run out**

**2). Judgment will remove sin and the sinner from God's presence**

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##### **d. In this life (v 17)**

**Proverbs 8:35-36**

##### **e. Because God's mercy is spurned**

**Romans 10:21**

##### **f. The eternal outcome (vv 20-21)**

**1). Torment and no rest (v 20)**

**2). No peace (v 21)**

**True Righteousness**  
**Isaiah 58**

**Be righteous not religious**

## **Isaiah 58:1-5**

**1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.**

**2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.**

**3 Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours.**

## **Isaiah 58:1-5 - continued**

**4 Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.**

**5 Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?**

## **Malachi 3:13-14**

**13 Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee?**

**14 Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?**

## **Matthew 6:16-18**

**16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.**

**17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;**

**18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.**

# **I. Ritualism Not Acceptable to God (Isaiah 58:1-5)**

**A. Ritualism lures people to sleep (58:1)**

**B. Ritualism is doing good things for the wrong reason  
(58:2-3)**

**Zechariah 7:5-6**

**Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests,  
saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and  
seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye at  
all fast unto me, even to me?**

**6 And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye  
eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?**

# **I. Ritualism Not Acceptable to God (Isaiah 58:1-5)**

## **C. Ritualism leads to strife (58:4)**

### **James 4:1-5**

- 1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?**
- 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.**
- 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.**
- 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**
- 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?**

# **I. Ritualism Not Acceptable to God (Isaiah 58:1-5)**

**D. Ritualism is not God's way (58:5)**

**Zechariah 7:7-10**

**7 Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain?**

**8 And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying,**

**9 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:**

**10 And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.**

## **II. Righteousness is Always Acceptable to God (Isaiah 58:6-12)**

### **A. Leads to victory from sin's bondage (58:6)**

**Isaiah 58:6**

**Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?**

## **II. Righteousness is Always Acceptable to God (Isaiah 58:6-12)**

### **B. Leads to ministry to others (58:7)**

#### **Isaiah 58:7**

**Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?**

## **II. Righteousness is Always Acceptable to God (Isaiah 58:6-12)**

**C. Leads to spiritual growth and testimony (58:8)**

**Isaiah 58:8**

**Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.**

## **II. Righteousness is Always Acceptable to God (Isaiah 58:6-12)**

**D. Leads to a deeper relationship with God (58:9-12)**

**1. They would have answered prayers (v 9)**

**Isaiah 58:9**

**Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;**

**God wants to help**

## **II. Righteousness is Always Acceptable to God (Isaiah 58:6-12)**

**D. Leads to a deeper relationship with God (58:9-12) - cont  
2. They would receive blessings from God (vv 10-11)**

**Isaiah 58:10-11**

**10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day:**

**11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.**

**God promises to bless those who have a relationship with  
Him**

## **II. Righteousness is Always Acceptable to God (Isaiah 58:6-12)**

**D. Leads to a deeper relationship with God (58:9-12) - cont**

**3. They would demonstrate the character of God and  
make a difference (v 12)**

**Isaiah 58:12**

**And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste  
places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many  
generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the  
breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.**

# **III. Requirements for Righteousness (Isaiah 58:13-14)**

## **A. Turn from self (58:13)**

### **Isaiah 58:13**

**If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:**

**Understand the “Principle” of the Sabbath  
(Exodus 31:12-18)**

## **Exodus 31:12-18**

**12 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,**

**13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.**

**14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.**

**15 Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.**

## **Exodus 31:12-18 - continued**

**16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.**

**17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.**

**18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.**

# **III. Requirements for Righteousness**

## **(Isaiah 58:13-14)**

### **B. Delight in the Lord (58:14)**

#### **Isaiah 58:14**

**Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.**

**Participate in the "Practice" of the Sabbath**  
**Psalm 34:4, 7**

**Psalm 37:4**

**Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.**

**Psalm 37:7**

**Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.**

**Do You Have A Relationship  
With God?**