

Isaiah 58 True Present Truth Ministry
Bible Sermon Study Notes by Cary Rodgers, pastor

2 Peter 1:10-12

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be **established in the present truth**.

“The fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah contains present truth for the people of God. Here we see how medical missionary work [health message] and the gospel ministry are to be bound together as the message is given to the world. Upon those who keep the Sabbath of the Lord is laid the responsibility of doing a work of mercy and benevolence. Medical missionary work is to be bound up with the message, and sealed with the seal of God.”- Ellen G. White, Manuscript 22, 1901

What is the first key point of Isaiah 58?

Isaiah 58:1

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.

Cry (Hebrew): qârâ' [kaw-raw'] - to call out to (that is, properly address by name, but used in a wide variety of applications): - preach, (make) proclaim (-ation), pronounce, publish, read, renowned, say.

“Show my people their transgression” = Transgression (Hebrew) - *revolt* (national, moral or religious): - rebellion, sin

What is sin? 1 John 3:4 (Transgression of God's Law – 10 Commandments)

What are we to cry aloud?

Ezekiel 18:30 - 32

30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn *yourselves* from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn *yourselves*, and live ye.

Ezekiel 33:11

11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Repentance – to turn from sin. An attitude of humility and sorrow for sin

A. What did John the Baptist cry aloud?

Matthew 3:1 - 3

- 1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,
- 2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- 3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, **The voice of one crying in the wilderness**, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

B. What did Jesus cry aloud?

Matthew 4:17

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

C. What did His Disciples cry aloud?

Mark 6:12

12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

D. What did the New Testament church cry aloud?

Acts 2:38

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 3:19

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

What are God's remnant people suppose to cry aloud?

Revelation 2:5

5 **Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.**

Revelation 14:7 - 9

- 7 Saying with a **loud voice**, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.
- 8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.
- 9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a **loud voice**, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

God says through His prophet Ezekiel that we have a personal responsibility to “cry aloud” or call out sin? What does Ezekiel say about “crying aloud”, calling the wicked to repentance?

Ezekiel 33:2-9, 12-16

- 2 Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman:
- 3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;
- 4 Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.
- 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.
- 6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

7 So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

12 Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.

13 When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;

15 If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

16 None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

In Ezekiel, who did God mark to be preserved from destruction?

Ezekiel 9:1-6

1 He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.

3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side;

4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

The 144,000 at the end of time will cry aloud and spare not, sealed with the seal of the living God!

- **First key point:** It's time to point out sin, humble ourselves and put sin away from our hearts through Jesus Christ

What is the second key point of Isaiah 58?

Isaiah 58:2 - 4

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.
- 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.

Their worship and service was mingled with selfishness, pride, greed, and rebellion. A worship that causes strife, debate, and chaos. Selfish worship is self worship.

Is this type of worship acceptable to God?

Isaiah 1:11 - 15

- 11 To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.
- 12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?
- 13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is* iniquity, even the solemn meeting.
- 14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them*.
- 15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

Titus 1:16

- 16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

What does Jesus say?

Matthew 15:7-9

- 7 *Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,*
- 8 *This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.*
- 9 **But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.**

Second key point Isaiah 58: It is time to put away worship mingled with selfishness, pride, and greed.

What is the third key point of Isaiah 58?

Isaiah 58:5 - 7

- 5 Is it such a fast [**selfish worship**] 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?
- 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?
- 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?

- **The third key point of Isaiah 58 Third key point: Present truth ministry is ministering to the needs with the compassion of Christ. True worship and service for others is the antidote for selfish worship.**

“Read Isaiah 58... This is the special work now before us. All our praying and abstinence from food will avail nothing unless we resolutely lay hold of this work.” Testimonies to the Church Volume 2, Ellen White

What did Jesus do?

Luke 4:18 - 19

- 18 **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,**
- 19 **To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.**

Matthew 9:35, 36

- 35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, **teaching** in their synagogues, and **preaching** the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing** every sickness and every disease among the people.
- 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.
- **How does Jesus heal?** “There are many ways of practicing the healing art; but there is only one way that Heaven approves. God's remedies are the simple agencies of nature, that will not tax or debilitate the system through their powerful properties. Pure air and water, cleanliness, a proper diet, purity of life, and a firm trust in God, are remedies for the want of which thousands are dying; yet these remedies are going out of date because their skillful use requires work that the people do not appreciate. Fresh air, exercise, pure water, and clean, sweet premises, are within the reach of all, with but little expense; but drugs are expensive, both in the outlay of means, and the effect produced upon the system. {Counsels on Diet & Foods p. 301.2}

8. What is the fourth key point of Isaiah 58?

Isaiah 58:8 - 11

- 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** [Hebrew: “Gather thee up.” Other words – totally surround you.]
- 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;
- 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 noonday**:
- 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.

Wow, what promises!

- **The fourth key of point of Isaiah 58 is that those who do the Isaiah 58 ministry – compassionately ministering to the needs of others God will active special promises**

that only He can give.

The promises of Isaiah 58 are recession proof.

Isaiah 58 Promises (Isaiah 58:8-11):

1. “light break forth as the morning,” & verse 10 “light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness **be as the noonday**: Matthew 5:14 **Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.**

2. “health shall spring forth speedily:” **Isaiah 57:18** I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.

3. “righteousness shall go before thee; the **glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward [Gather thee up-].**”

Psalms 85:13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set *us* in the way of his steps.

Isaiah 52:12 For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel *will be* your rereward.

4. “Then shalt thou call, and the **LORD shall answer**; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, **Here I am.**”

1 John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

Psalms 50:15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

5. “**LORD shall guide thee continually**” **Psalms 48:14** For this God *is* our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide *even* unto death.

6. “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.”

Jeremiah 17:7, 8

7 Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

9. What is the fifth key point of Isaiah 58?

Isaiah 58:12, 13

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.

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:

Many Israelites of Judah returned to Jerusalem after seventy years of captivity in Babylon. When they returned they found a ruined and devastated city. The walls were breached. Nehemiah led the repair the physical walls and the spiritual wall of the seventh day Sabbath.

Daniel 9:25

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be **seven weeks**, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

How long did it take to restore Jerusalem? “seven weeks” = 7 x 7 = 49 [years, using the Bible principle that a day represents a year in Bible prophecy see Ezekiel 4:6].

Decree to rebuild Jerusalem as a city government was given by king Artaxerxes of the Medes and Persian Kingdom in the 7th year of Artaxerxes which was 457 BC.

Ezra 7:7 And there went up *some* of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem, **in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king.**

In The 20th Year of Artaxerxes the physical wall of Jerusalem was rebuilt (445 BC)

Nehemiah 2:1,5,6

1“**And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence.**

5 **And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers’ sepulchres, that I may build it.**

6 **And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.”**

Physical Wall took only 52 days to complete

Nehemiah 6:15,16

15“**So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.**

16 **And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.”**

From The 20th Year to the 32nd Year of Artaxerxes, Nehemiah was Governor of Judah

Nehemiah 5:14 “**Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the **two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes** the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor.”**

In 408 BC the 49th year from 457 BC, Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem and restored / repaired the breach in the spiritual wall of the seventh day Sabbath.

Nehemiah 13:15-19

15 **In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals.**

16 **There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.**

17 **Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day?**

18 **Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet**

ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.

19 And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day.

49 years from the command to restore and build Jerusalem Nehemiah came back and repaired the breach in the wall of the Sabbath in 408 B.C.

- **The fifth key point of Isaiah 58 is that God's people must be like Nehemiah and rebuild the Bible truths that have been broken down such as God 10 commandments and his seventh day Sabbath.**

What is the specific promise for those who rebuilt the institution of God seventh-day Sabbath?

Isaiah 58:14

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*.

The “heritage of Jacob” is the fulfillment and reward of the everlasting covenant, eternal life through Jesus Christ.