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### **ISAIAH - PART TWO**

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### **Isaiah 58**

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#### **Isaiah 58:1-2**

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Isaiah 58:1

The Command to Isaiah

**1) Call out;  
do not hold back.**

**Lift up your voice  
like the shofar!  
And declare to My people  
their transgression,  
and to *the* house of Jacob  
their sins.**

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Isaiah 58:2

#### The Conduct of the People

- 2) **Yet they seek Me**  
    **day *after* day,**  
**and they take pleasure**  
    **to know My ways,**  
    **like *a* nation**  
        **that has done righteousness,**  
        **and not having forsook**  
        **the judgment of their God;**  
**they ask of Me judgments of righteousness;**  
**they take pleasure**  
    **in drawing near to God.**

## **Isaiah 58:3-12**

### The Pretense of Fasting

Isaiah 58:3-5

#### The Characteristics of their Fasting

- 3) ***They say*, For what have we fasted,**  
    **and You have not seen?**  
**We have humbled our souls,**  
    **and You did not notice.**  
**Behold, in *the* day of your fast**  
    **you find pleasure;**  
    **and you oppress all your laborers.**
- 4) **Behold! You fast**  
    **for strife,**  
    **and for contention,**  
    **and to strike with *a* fist of wickedness.**
- You do not fast as today,**  
    **to make your voice heard on high.**

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- 5) Is it like this fast *that* I choose,  
a day for a man  
to humble his soul?  
To bow his head down  
like a reed,  
and he spreads out  
sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast  
and a day of pleasure to Yahweh?

Isaiah 58:6-7

#### The Characteristics of Genuine Fasting

- 6) Is this not *the* fast I choose:  
to loosen the bands of wickedness,  
to set free the bands of the yoke,  
and to send out free  
the ones being oppressed,  
and that you break apart every yoke?
- 7) *Is it* not to distribute your bread to the hungry,  
and you bring the wandering poor *man* to your house?  
When you see the naked *ones*  
and cover him,  
and you do not hide yourself from your flesh?

Isaiah 58:8-12

#### The Consequences of Genuine Fasting

- 8) Then your light shall break out  
as the early dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
and your righteousness shall go before you;  
  
the glory of Yahweh shall be your rear guard.
- 9) Then you shall call,  
and Yahweh will answer;  
you shall cry for help,  
and He shall say, Behold I *am here*.

If you take the yoke away  
from your midst,  
the pointing of the finger,  
and the speaking of wickedness;

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10) **and *if* you extend your soul to the hungry,  
and satisfy the soul of the lowly;  
and your light shall have been raised  
in the darkness,  
and your gloom  
shall be like the noonday.**

11) **And Yahweh  
shall have always guided you,  
and shall have satisfied  
your soul in dry places,  
and will strengthen your bones.**

**And you shall be like  
*a* watered garden,  
and like *a* spring of waters  
which do not fail.**

12) **And *the ones* from among you  
shall have built the ruins of old;**

**you shall raise up *the* foundations  
of generation after generation;  
and to you it shall have been called,  
*The Repairer of the Breach,*  
*The Restorer of Paths to dwell in.***

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

#### **The Pretense of Sabbath Keeping**

Isaiah 58:13

The Conditions for Sabbath Keeping

- 13) If you turn your foot away  
from the Sabbath,  
*from* doing your pleasures  
in My holy days,  
and you will have called  
the Sabbath *a* pleasure,  
to the holiness of Yahweh,  
honoring Him,  
and shall have honored Him,  
*by* not doing your own ways,  
and from finding your own pleasure  
and speaking *your* word;**

Isaiah 58:14

The Consequences of Sabbath Keeping

- 14) then you shall delight yourself  
in Yahweh.  
And I will have caused you  
to ride upon the high places  
of the earth,  
and I will have fed you  
*with* the inheritance of your father Jacob.**

**Because the mouth of Yahweh has spoken.**