

We will begin the fourteenth lecture on Isaiah. / Today we will begin with Isaiah chapter 58. / The title of this chapter is “Fasting.”

/First, God commands Isaiah to rebuke the sins of the people of Judah. / Verses 1-2. / Second, words concerning fasting. / Verses 3-5. / Third, blessings given to those who give. / Verses 6-12. / Fourth, blessings given to those who keep the Sabbath. / Verses 13-14.

/Read 58:1 / “Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.

/“Shout it aloud, do not hold back” was God’s calling towards Isaiah to rebuke the sins of the people of Judah. / Their sins were great. / Thus, God rebuked their sins through Isaiah.

/God commanded him to shout and rebuke their sins. / False prophets always promised blessings to people. / However, true prophets rebuke sins.

/One cannot be blessed if he does not repent of his sins. / We will be blessed when we repent of our sins.

/Verse 2. / For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.

/The people of Judah served God only outwardly and formally. / They seemed to obey God’s commandments very well on the outside. / Yet in their hearts, they had already left God.

/They only served God formally. / Isaiah 26:19. / God looks at the heart. / Isaiah 1:12-14. / John 4:24. / We must serve God in spirit and in truth.

/Verse 3. / ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’ “Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers.

/What is true fasting? / The Israelites claimed to fast, but they fought. / They fasted and fought and quarreled. / They entertained themselves during their fasting.

/However, the first and true purpose of fasting is to send up our requests to God. / The second purpose is to humble ourselves. / The third purpose is to repent of our sins.

/Yet, the Israelites became arrogant, and fought and fasted at the same time. / They did not fast properly.

/Verse 5. / Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

/The people of Judah bowed their heads like reeds and lied in sackcloth and ashes. / Yet, they fought and hated one another. / That was not true fasting. / Then what is true fasting?

/Verse 6. / "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

/True fasting is about loosening the chains of injustice. / It is about freeing the oppressed. / It is about breaking every yoke.

/It is also about sharing food with the hungry, as is written in verse 7. / It is about providing shelter for the poor. / It is about clothing the naked. / This is true fasting.

/We must love our enemies. / We must love our neighbors / and help those in need. / God is pleased with praying and fasting that are done in accordance with these.

/Verse 8. / Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

/God will heal us when we are compassionate to our neighbors. / He will display his glory. / He will add blessings to our lives. / He will also immediately answer our prayers.

/Verse 10. / and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

/We must help those who are hungry. / We must comfort the oppressed.

/Verse 11. / The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

/God blesses those who properly fast. / First, their light will shine in darkness. / This is mentioned in verse 10. / Second, their souls will be satisfied.

/Third, their bones will be strengthened. / They will be healthy. / Proverbs 4:22. / Fourth, they will be like a well-watered garden.

/As it says in verse 11, God will make them abundant. / Jeremiah 31:12. / God will allow businesses to go well. / Fifth, their descendants will be brought to life in a barren land. / God will make their descendants skilled people.

/Their descendants will receive blessings and prosper. /Therefore, we must fast in a proper way. / We must love God and love our neighbors. / We must have compassion on our neighbors.

/Verse 13. / “If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the Lord’s holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words,

/We will be blessed when we keep the Sabbath holy. / In the New Testament times, we must keep Sundays. / Sunday is the day when Jesus resurrected from the dead. / It is the day the Holy Spirit came. / Even the apostles kept Sundays at the Sabbath.

/First, we must be joyful on Sundays. / This is the day when we enjoy peace. / We must rest from worldly works. / Then our spirits must receive grace as we attend worship on Sundays.

/Our spirits must be revived. / We must be joyful and find rest. / Second, we must consider Sundays honorable. / The Sabbath day is the Lord’s Day. / Therefore, we must worship God on this day and consider it honorable.

/We must rest from work on Sunday. / Third, we must observe several things on the Sabbath. / First, the verse says that we must not go in our own ways. / We must not go about in our own ways.

/We must not go around and take care of trivial matters. / We must not go to work, / we must not go to markets or feasts, / and we must not buy and sell. / We must not do worldly works.

/However, we must share the gospel with people and visit other members of the church. / Second, we must not play games on Sundays. / We must not go watch sports games or play sports.

/Third, we must avoid idle talks. / We must not talk about the worries of the world.

/Verse 14. / then you will find your joy in the LORD, and I will cause you to ride on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.” The mouth of the LORD has spoken.

/We will receive these blessings when we keep the Sabbath. / First, we will enjoy spiritual rest. / We will have peace and joy. / Second, God will lift us up. / He would raise us up above everyone else.

/Third, God would allow us to feast on the inheritance of Jacob. / He will allow us to receive good inheritance. / God will pour out his blessing on us.

/Hence, we must keep the fourth commandment of the Ten Commandments. / Chapter 58 speaks specifically about fasting and keeping the Sabbath.

/We will continue the lecture with Isaiah chapter 59. / The title of this chapter is “Praying for Others.”

/First, the arm of the Lord is not too short to save. / Verses 1-8. / Second, there is only darkness for those who abandon God, even though they seek light and salvation. / Verses 9-11.

/Third, they will confess their sins and repent. / Verses 11-15a. / Fourth, the Lord promises a Redeemer who would save them. / Verses 15b-21.

/Read 59:1-2. / Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

/When the people of Judah faced hardships, God did not save them even when they prayed to God. / This was because they committed sins. / Their sins set a wall between God and them.

/God's power is limitless. / He can save us no matter what. / Numbers 11:23. / There are times when we pray, but do not receive an answer right away. / In such times, we must first repent of our sins when we pray.

/We must cut off the sins that block us from God. / We must get rid of our pride.

/Verse 3. / For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken lies, and your tongue mutters wicked things.

/It says that their hands were stained with blood. / This refers to murdering someone or harming others. / Also, hating is equivalent to murder. / Matthew 5:21-22. / 1 John 3:15. / There were people whose lips spoke false things and whose tongues uttered wicked things.

/The people of Judah lied with their lips and tongues. / They spoke of wicked things. / James 3:5. / We must be virtuous in character. / Then we can speak with grace.

/Verse 4. / No one calls for justice; no one pleads a case with integrity. They rely on empty arguments and speak lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to evil.

/God is pleased with justice and truth. / He hates lies. / We must get rid of our sins.

/Verse 5. / They hatch the eggs of vipers and spin a spider's web. Whoever eats their eggs will die, and when one is broken, an adder is hatched.

/It says, "They hatch the eggs of vipers and spin a spider's web." / This refers to their state of having left the truth. / It is to follow lies. / Hatching the eggs of vipers will ultimately lead to

one's own destruction.

/Plans to harm others will backfire and destroy them. / They will walk the sinful path and be destroyed.

/Verse 7. / Their feet rush into sin; they are swift to shed innocent blood. Their thoughts are evil thoughts; ruin and destruction mark their ways.

/The people were accustomed to violence. / Their feet rushed to sin and they were swift to shed innocent blood. / Romans 3:15-17. / Their thoughts were evil thoughts. / As a result, their destruction was not far and they had no peace.

/Verse 9. / So justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We look for light, but all is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows.

/Sinners do not have the privilege to enjoy justice and the righteousness of God. / They are only in darkness. / They will cry out like a bear and weep like a dove.

/They seek justice, but they do not find it. / They seek deliverance, but cannot have it. / Thus, it is very important to abandon sin.

/Verse 12. / For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities:

/From verse 12, the people begin to realize and repent of their sins. / Like them, we must examine ourselves and repent of our sins. / God receives those who repent and come back to him.

/Verse 16. / He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm worked salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him.

/We have nothing but our sins. / We have neither justice nor righteousness. / We do not have anyone to intervene for us. /Therefore, God would save his people through his own righteousness.

/We have nothing but our sins. / We do not have righteousness. / We receive salvation through

the righteousness of Jesus Christ. / Romans 3:21-22. / We become righteous through Jesus Christ.

/Verse 17. / He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.

/Jesus Christ saves His people. / He put on righteousness as His breastplate. / He put on righteousness as His own armor. / Ephesians 6:14.

/He put on the helmet of salvation on His head. / He defeats the sin, death and the devil. / Then He saves the believers.

/Verse 19. / From the west, men will fear the name of the Lord, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory. For he will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the Lord drives along.

/People would fear the name of the Lord even from the west. / People would revere God's glory from the rising sun. / This means that all parts of the world will believe in God and glorify him.

/People who believe in Jesus would come from the east and the west. / The gospel began in Jerusalem, and reached Europe and America, and then to Asia.

/Verse 20. / "The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins," declares the Lord.

/"The Redeemer" refers to Christ. / "Zion" refers to a spiritual Jerusalem. / Christ would save the chosen people through the church. / Those who believe in Christ and repent of their sins will receive salvation.

/Verse 21. / "As for me, this is my covenant with them," says the Lord. "My Spirit, who is on you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will not depart from your mouth, or from the mouths of your children, or from the mouths of their descendants from this time on and forever," says the LORD.

/This is the covenant the Lord made with his people. / The Spirit of God will not depart from them forever. / The Holy Spirit will not depart from them forever.

/The words that God put in their mouths will always be on their mouths. / Today, God fills believers of Christ with the Holy Spirit and his word.

/We will continue with Isaiah chapter 60. / The title of this chapter is “Glory.”

/First, arise and shine. / Verses 1-3. / Second, / there will be many blessings when they shine. / Verses 4-9. / Third, the Lord will defeat the enemies and rebuild Zion. / Verses 10-14.

/Fourth, Zion will become more noble and filled with peace and grace. /Verses 15-18. / Fifth, the sun and moon will be useless because the Lord will be the light. / Verses 19-22.

/Read 60:1. / “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

/It says, arise and shine. / This means to use faith and show actions of faith. / Matthew 5:14-16 / This means to shine the light of spiritual life. / Matthew 6:22-23

/It is also a calling to save lives by sharing the word of God. / Ephesians 5:8. / It says, “for your light has come.” / It means that Christ would come and give the truth that would saves lives. / John 6:63 / The glory of the Lord would be upon the people.

/Verse 2. / See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

/It says the darkness covers the earth. / This means that the world would be filled with sin. / Revelation 18:5. / As time passes, wickedness in the world would grow.

/Verse 3. / Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

/It says that glory would be on them. / God’s glory would be upon the church. / It also says, “Nations will come to your light.” / Nations and kings would come forward through the light of life in Christ.



/God would save us through Christ. / God will guide us to the light. / He will guide us down the road of life. / He will lead us to salvation. / Psalm 119:105 / Verse 105. / Revelation 1:12 / Revelation 1:20

/Read 60:4. / “Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm.

/It means that the people of Judah would return to their hometown. / It also means that the chosen people in the New Testament times would assemble and come from all over the world. / People would return from all parts of the world through faith in Christ.

/Today, believers of Jesus return to God from Korea, Japan, China, and India.

/Verse 5. / Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.

/God’s plan of salvation will be great when it takes place. / Our hearts will throb with joy when we see it. / The work of the life of Christ would take place. / The wealth of the seas will come.

/The riches of the nations will increase. / God will provide for the needs of the church. / 1 Corinthians 3:22.

/Verse 6. / Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

/All nations will gather from all over the place. / They will come bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

/Verse 8. / “Who are these that fly along like clouds, like doves to their nests?

/People as many as clouds will come. / Many will come to receive the light of the truth.

/Verse 9. / Surely the islands look to me; in the lead are the ships of Tarshish, bringing your sons from afar, with their silver and gold, to the honor of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has endowed you with splendor.

/The islands symbolize the nations of this world. / Many nations of this world will come to God with their silver and gold. / Acts 4:32.

/Verse 10. / “Foreigners will rebuild your walls, and their kings will serve you. Though in anger I struck you, in favor I will show you compassion.

/God would punish the people of Judah when they commit sins. / However, God would forgive them when they repent and return to him.

/God would show them compassion. / He will call the foreigners to rebuild the walls. / The foreigners would serve. / They would help.

/Verse 11. / Your gates will always stand open, they will never be shut, day or night, so that men may bring you the wealth of the nations— their kings led in triumphal procession.

/The gates would be left open. / The redeemed people would gather around. / Thus, the gates would be left open. / Many people will believe in Jesus and receive Him.

/People will see the light and return. / They will see the light and return.

/Verse 12. / For the nation or kingdom that will not serve you will perish; it will be utterly ruined.

/However, the nation or kingdom that does not serve Christ will perish.

/Verse 13. / “The glory of Lebanon will come to you, the pine, the fir and the cypress together, to adorn the place of my sanctuary; and I will glorify the place of my feet.

/This symbolizes the foreigners. / They would return to Jerusalem. / Jerusalem symbolizes the church in the New Testament. / Isaiah 66:1. / People from all over the world will believe in Jesus and return.

/Verse 14. / The sons of your oppressors will come bowing before you; all who despise you will bow down at your feet and will call you the City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

/“Zion” symbolizes the spiritual church. / Those who persecuted the church would repent and return. / They will believe in Christ and then return. / They will glorify God. / They will participate in the truth and in life.

/Verse 15. / “Although you have been forsaken and hated, with no one traveling through, I will make you the everlasting pride and the joy of all generations.

/The people of Judah were punished by God for their sins. / They were forsaken after they were punished. / However, they would repent and return to God.

/Therefore, God would add onto them beauty and joy. / God blesses believers when they repent and walk in the light. / God will accept us with compassion when we repent.

/Verse 16. / You will drink the milk of nations and be nursed at royal breasts. Then you will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

/This means that God would give lots of blessings to the church and believers. / He would give them nations. / He would give them food and clothing. / He would give them the spiritual truth. / He would give them life. / He would give them materials. / He would give them spiritual gifts. / 1 Corinthians 3:22.

/Verse 17. / Instead of bronze I will bring you gold, and silver in place of iron. Instead of wood I will bring you bronze, and iron in place of stones. I will make peace your governor and righteousness your ruler.

/God would give them better things. / When believers keep their faith, God gives them more. / He makes them abundant.

/Verse 18. / No longer will violence be heard in your land, nor ruin or destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise.

/Believers would not meet destruction in that land if they keep their faith. / Thus, they will give

thanks and praises to God.

/Verse 19. / The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

/Verse 20. / Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.

/This shows the world of salvation of the church that would appear in the New Testament. / The Millennial Kingdom will come after Jesus' Second Coming. / After the Millennial Kingdom ends, we believers will enter eternal heaven. / The light of the sun will not be necessary there. / The light of the moon will not be necessary. / Revelation 21:23

/There, God's glory will shine brighter than the sun. / It is the place of eternal light. / There is no sin, darkness and death. / There is no sadness and pain. / It is filled with God's glory.

/Verse 21. / Then will all your people be righteous and they will possess the land forever. They are the shoot I have planted, the work of my hands, for the display of my splendor.

/Believers are made righteous through Jesus. / They will possess the land forever. / Everything in this world will be used by believers.

/The Millennial Kingdom will be the land of believers. / The land will be the land of believers. / Then the sins of the earth and the skies will burn. / Then it will become a new earth and new skies.

/Then we will enter eternal heaven. / It will be filled with God's glory. / There is no devil / or sins there. / It will be filled with God's glory.

/Verse 22. / The least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I am the LORD; in its time I will do this swiftly."

/This shows that the church will grow and increase. / The church will gradually increase. / The kingdom of God will advance. / The movement of life will take place.

/Then this earth will be filled with more believers of Jesus. / Then the gospel have the final victory in the end. / Therefore, we must be faithful to the movement of the gospel.

/As it says in verse 1, we must rise and shine. / There are a lot of people around us who still live in darkness sin.

/We must shine the light of the gospel to them and save them. / God will work through us. / The gospel of God will have the final victory.

/With this we will conclude the fourteenth lecture on Isaiah. / Thank you.