

# **Isaiah**

## **Part Eight**

### **Greater Servant; Greater Deliverance (chapters 49-55)**

# The Results of the Servant

## 54:1 – 55:13

- **A City Rebuilt 54:11-17**
  - *What they were*: afflicted, poverty-stricken, storm-tossed
  - *What they will-be*: rebuilt with the finest materials
  - **A city of security and stability**

# The Results of the Servant

## 54:1 – 55:13

- **Invitation to the Thirsty -- 55:1-5**
  - Come and buy without money
  - Buy wine and milk
  - Why do you spend money on what's not bread?
  - Why do you work for what doesn't satisfy?
  - Eat what is good!
  - Delight yourself in abundance!

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- **God's Word will Accomplish his purpose -- 55:6-13**
  - Seek the Lord while He may be found – 55:6
  - Return and God will freely pardon – 55:7
  - Man wouldn't do that – but my ways and thoughts are higher than yours – 55:8-9
  - You can trust my word to accomplish what I send it for just like the snow does – 55:10-11
  - You will go out with joy and peace – 55:12-13

# Isaiah

## Part Nine

### Path of Peace – The Destiny of God's Servant (chapters 56-66)

# Finding the Path of Peace

**56:1 – 57:21**

- **A Path Open to Everyone – 56:1-8**
  - **Maintain justice and do what is right – 56:1-2**

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  - **All Who Keep the Covenant are Blessed – 56:3-8**
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**Three of the most significant conversion stories in Acts –**

**Saul, an apostle to foreigners**

**The Ethiopian – a eunuch**

**Cornelius – a foreigner**



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    - **God gathers to Israel – 56:8**

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- **Obstacles to the Path of Peace – 56:9 – 57:13**
  - **Obstacle 1: Leadership Failure – 56:9 -- 57:2**
    - **Beasts come to destroy – 56:9**
    - **Why? Blind watchmen and mute dogs – 56:10**
    - **Why? Dogs with mighty appetites – 56:11-12**
    - **No one wonders “Where did the righteous go?” – 57:1-2**

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  - **Obstacle 2: Blatant Idolatry – 57:3-8**
    - **A brood of rebels – 57:3-4**
    - **Burning with lust and sacrificing children – 57:5**
    - **Your idols are your portion – 57:6**
    - **Your idolatry was a conscious and deliberate choice – 57:7-8**

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- **Obstacles to the Path of Peace – 56:9 – 57:13**
  - **Obstacle 3: Trusting Diplomacy, not God – 57:9-11**
    - **Fatigued by Diplomatic Initiatives – 57:9-10**
    - **Whom have you feared so much as to be false to me? – 57:11**

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- **Obstacles to the Path of Peace – 56:9 – 57:13**
  - **RESULT: Let your collection of idols save you – 57:12-13**
    - **A mere breath will blow the idols away**
    - **The man who makes God his refuge will inherit the land and possess God's holy mountain**

# Finding the Path of Peace

## 56:1 – 57:21

- **To Choose Peace or not – 57:14-21**
  - **Remove the Obstacles – 57:14-15**
    - **God lives in a high and lofty place**
    - **God also lives with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit**
  - **I Will not Accuse Forever – 57:16**
    - **God created man to prosper, not to faint**

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  - **PATH TWO – No Peace for the Wicked – 57:20-21**

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- THEIR QUESTION: Why hasn't God noticed our fasts? – 58:2-3a
  - They seem eager
  - As if they do what's right

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## 58:1 – 59:21

- **GOD'S RESPONSE -- – 58:3b-59:21**
  - Response #1: You fast and exploit, quarrel and fight – 58:3b-4

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- **GOD'S RESPONSE -- – 58:3b-59:21**

- **Response #2: Here's how to fast so I will answer – 58:5-9a**

- **Do I really want this kind of fasting? – 58:5**

- **IF – 58:6-7**

- Loose the chains of injustice

- Set the oppressed free

- Share with the hungry, shelterless, naked

- **THEN – 58:8-9a**

- Light like the dawn

- Healing before you and God's righteousness your rear guard

- Call and God will answer

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## 58:1 – 59:21

- **GOD'S RESPONSE -- – 58:3b-59:21**

- **Response #3: Help the Needed and I will Bless You – 58:9b-12**

- **IF – 58:9b-10a**

- Do away with the yoke of oppression
- Do away with the pointing finger and malicious talk
- Spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry
- Satisfy the needs of the oppressed

- **THEN – 58:10b-12**

- Light in darkness; night like noonday
- Lord guides, satisfies, strengthens
- Like a well-watered garden and a repairer of ruins

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## 58:1 – 59:21

- **GOD'S RESPONSE -- – 58:3b-59:21**

- **Response #4: Keep the Sabbath and You'll Find Joy – 58:13-14**

- **IF – 58:13**

- Keep the Sabbath rather than doing as you please
- Call the Sabbath a delight and honorable
- Don't go your own way or speak idle words

- **THEN – 58:14**

- Find joy in the Lord
- Feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob

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## 58:1 – 59:21

- **GOD'S RESPONSE -- – 58:3b-59:21**

- **Response #5: Here's Why I Don't Hear You – 59:1-15a**

- **It is your sin, not my ability – 59:1-2**

- **Their problem of sin – 59:3-8**

- **Blood, lies, and empty arguments – 59:3-4**

- **Viper eggs and cobweb clothing – 59:5-6**

- **Two Ways: Ruin vs Peace – 59:7-8**



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- **GOD'S RESPONSE -- – 58:3b-59:21**
  - **Response #5: Here's Why I Don't Hear You – 59:1-15a**
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      - We look for light and find darkness – 59:9-11a
      - Confession – 59:11b-15a

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### God looks for...

- **Justice**
- **Righteousness**
- **Truth**
- **Honesty**

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- **Response #6: Judge or Redeemer? – 59:15b-21**

- **What God saw – no justice – 59:15b-16a**
- **God as Judge – Righteousness and Justice – 59:16b-19**
- **God as Redeemer – The Covenant of His Spirit – 59:20-21**

# **God will Bless Them with Glory and Light – 60:1-22**

- **The Nations Will Come to your Light – 60:1-9**
  - **The Nations in Darkness will Come to your Light – 60:1-3**
  - **The Nations will Return your Captives and Bring Riches – 60:4-5**
  - **The Wealth of the Nations will be Brought to you to Honor Me – 60:6-10a**

# **God will Bless Them with Glory and Light – 60:1-22**

- **I will Turn from Anger to Compassion –  
60:10b-14**
- **From Forsaken to Joy – 60:15-22**

# Assignment

**Read Isaiah 60-66**