

## Lesson 24: Isaiah 58-59

### Questions

1. What is Isaiah told to cry aloud (58:1)?
2. What are the people of Israel doing while they are sinning (58:2)?
3. How are the people of Israel acting during the day of their fast (58:3-5)?
4. What kind of fast does the Lord desire of his people (58:6-7)?
5. What blessings does the Lord give his people who fast properly (58:8-12)?
6. What are the people of Israel to do in order to observe the Sabbath properly (58:13)?
7. What blessings does the Lord give his people who observe the Sabbath properly (58:14)?
8. Why does God not hear Israel and why are they separated from him (59:1-2)?
9. What iniquities and sins of Israel are listed by Isaiah (59:3-4)?
10. What are the evil-doers in Israel compared to (59:5-6)?
11. What do the evil-doers experience in their life (59:7-8)?

12. How does Isaiah describe the life of the sinful Israelites (59:9-11)?
13. What transgressions, sins, and iniquities are listed by Isaiah (59:12-15)?
14. What does the Lord see among his people and what does he do (59:15-16)?
15. What does the Lord put on and why (59:17-19)?
16. Who comes to Zion and who will he save (59:20)?
17. What covenant does the Lord make with those who turn from their transgressions (59:21)?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. What days of fasting are required of the OT Israelite (58:3)?
2. How is the Sabbath to be observed by the OT Israelite (58:13)?
3. Where in the NT is a portion of Isaiah 59:7-8 quoted?
4. Where in the NT is a portion of Isaiah 59:20-21 quoted?

## Applications for Today

1. It is important to cry aloud and declare the sin of the Lord's people so they can turn back to the Lord (58:1; Acts 8:22-24; 1 Cor. 5:1-8; Gal. 2:11-14; 2 Tim. 4:2; Jas. 5:19-20; Rev. 2-3).
2. We need to be careful not to act hypocritically by drawing near to God while continuing to live in sin (58:1-2; Mt. 15:8; Tit. 1:16).
3. We need to be careful not to "go through the motions" of what the Lord wants without having the proper attitude and life (58:3-14; Lk. 18:12).
4. We need to be careful not to neglect what the Lord wants because we are self-serving and doing our own "pleasure" (58:3, 13; Zech. 7:7-12; Heb. 10:25).
5. If we want the Lord to hear our prayers and respond, we need to serve him the way he wants, not the way we want (58:9; 1 Pet. 3:10-12; 1 Jn. 3:22).
6. Sin separates us from God (59:2; Mt. 7:23; 25:41; Lk. 5:8; Heb. 7:26; 1 Jn. 1:5-6).
7. We must never neglect standing for the truth (59:14-15; Gal. 2:5; Eph. 6:14; 1 Tim. 3:15).
8. Like the Lord, we need to put on the breastplate of righteousness and the helmet of salvation (59:17; Eph. 6:14-17; 1 Thess. 5:8).
9. Jesus is the Redeemer who comes to save all who turn from their transgressions (59:20; Rom. 11:26-27).