



# Isaiah

*hope has a name!*

# “The Problem of Sin”

ISAIAH 58-59



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# Isaiah 1-39

Trust the Lord! He is for  
you — and more than  
able to help you!



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Is. 1-5: A Broken World

Is. 6: Isaiah's Call

Is. 7-12: Stop trusting Egypt!

Is. 13-39: When all seems lost



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# Isaiah 40-66

God will carry you through all of your struggles — and He has a purpose beyond what you can see.



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Isaiah 52-53

The Faithful Servant will lay  
down His life to give us hope.



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Isaiah 60-66

God will create a new  
heaven & a new earth!

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But what about now?  
What about The Church?  
What is God saying to us?



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The Church

# Isaiah 58-59

1. **Genuine, heartfelt faith is what matters. Are you playing games with God? (ch. 58)**
2. **Sin separates us from God. Be honest— are you allowing sin in your life? (59:1-15a)**
3. **Jesus came to save us. Are you willing to repent of your sins? (59:15b-21)**

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## **Isaiah 58**

**<sup>1</sup>“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. 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.**

**‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’**

# Isaiah 58

<sup>3</sup>“Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? 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?”

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?

# Isaiah 58

<sup>7</sup>“Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? 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. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and He will say: Here am I.

# Isaiah 58

<sup>9</sup> "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, 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. 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. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

# Isaiah 58

<sup>13</sup>“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, then you will find your joy in the Lord, and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.”

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

**This isn't really about  
fasting and keeping  
the Sabbath holy.**

*(Although that's important)*

**It's not even about  
acting justly and  
showing mercy.**

*(Although that's much closer  
to the point)*

**This is about our heart.  
It's about being real—  
and not playing games.**

*(When this is right,  
everything falls into place)*

God sees right through  
our outward attempts  
to “be religious”.

*(Which is ultimately  
motivated by selfishness)*

And God HATES hypocrisy!

*(You cannot act one way on Sunday  
and another way on Monday.  
God sees right through that.)*

# Hey Church...this really matters!

(v. 1)



*Verse 14*

**If your heart is right with  
God—then you will find  
your joy in the Lord.**

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## Isaiah 59:1-15a

<sup>1</sup>“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. For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken falsely, and your tongue mutters wicked things. No one calls for justice; no one pleads a case with integrity. They rely on empty arguments, they utter lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to evil. 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.

## Isaiah 59:1-15a

<sup>6</sup> Their cobwebs are useless for clothing; they cannot cover themselves with what they make. Their deeds are evil deeds, and acts of violence are in their hands. Their feet rush into sin; they are swift to shed innocent blood. They pursue evil schemes; acts of violence mark their ways. The way of peace they do not know; there is no justice in their paths. They have turned them into crooked roads; no one who walks along them will know peace.

## Isaiah 59:1-15a

<sup>9</sup> 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. Like the blind we grope along the wall, feeling our way like people without eyes. At midday we stumble as if it were twilight; among the strong, we are like the dead. We all growl like bears; we moan mournfully like doves. We look for justice, but find none; for deliverance, but it is far away.

## Isaiah 59:1-15a

<sup>12</sup> 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: rebellion and treachery against the Lord, turning our backs on our God, inciting revolt and oppression, uttering lies our hearts have conceived. So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey."

God is more than able  
to hear us—  
and forgive us—  
and save us.

*(The problem isn't with God!)*

**Sin. Always. Separates.**

*(It separates us from God.  
It separates us from each other.  
It separates us from peace.)*

# Sin wrecks our lives.

vv. 3-8 TLB

*"Your hands are those of murderers and your fingers are filthy with sin. You lie and grumble and oppose the good. No one cares about being fair and true. Your lawsuits are based on lies; you spend your time plotting evil deeds and doing them. You spend your time and energy in spinning evil plans that end up in deadly actions. You cheat and shortchange everyone. Everything you do is filled with sin; violence is your trademark. Your feet run to do evil and rush to murder; your thoughts are only of sinning, and wherever you go you leave behind a trail of misery and death. You don't know what true peace is, nor what it means to be just and good; you continually do wrong and those who follow you won't experience any peace either."*

**What sins are you feeding?  
What sins are you giving  
oxygen to?**

*(Be honest with God...it's not  
like He doesn't already know)*

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## Isaiah 59:15-17 MSG

“God looked and saw evil looming on the horizon—so much evil and no sign of Justice. He couldn’t believe what He saw: not a soul around to correct this awful situation. So He did it Himself, took on the work of Salvation, fueled by His own Righteousness. He dressed in Righteousness, put it on like a suit of armor, with Salvation on His head like a helmet, put on Judgment like an overcoat, and threw a cloak of Passion across His shoulders.”

Isaiah 59:20

**“The Redeemer will come  
...to those who repent of  
their sins,” declares the Lord.”**

*This is God's message to US*

*—700 years before*

*He instituted the church:*

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