

The Gospel According to Isaiah
From **RUIN** To **REDEMPTION**



“Restoring what we’ve Ruined.”

December 14, 2025

Text: Isa 58:1-14

Sermon Series: “From Ruin to Redemption.”

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Key Question: What does God want from His people?

I. The Worship God Rejects – Hollow Devotion (v 1-5)

A People Who Seek God ... but Miss His Heart.

The issue:

- They *seek* God (v.2)
- They *delight* to know His ways
- They even *fast*

...but God says, “*Yet they do as they please and exploit their workers.*”

Key Insight:

Their worship is **orthodox in form, offensive in practice.**

Religious activity + relational injustice = **worship God rejects.**

Key Terms:

“**Mishpat**” (*Justice*) means “to give each person what they are due—whether punishment or protection or care.”

“**Tsedeqah**” (*Righteousness*) is “day-to-day living in which a person conducts all relationships in family and society with fairness, generosity, and equity.”

(Tim Keller, *Generous Justice*)

II. The Worship God Accepts - Justice in Action (6-14)

Worship that touches God’s heart touches the oppressed.

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The Fast God Chooses (v.6–7):

- *Loose* (undo) injustice
- *Break* every yoke
- *Share* your bread
- *Shelter* the homeless
- *Cover* the naked
- *Not hide* from your own flesh

This is not “woke” or “social justice” or “liberal”
This is **God’s definition of true spirituality.**

III. The Worship God Rewards (8-14)

- *Light* will break forth
- *Healing* will spring up
- *Glory* will guard you
- *Guidance* continually
- *Satisfaction* in dry places
- *Strength* for your bones
- You will be a *restorer*, a *repairer*, a *rebuilder*

This is Eden language—God reversing the curse as His people practice justice and mercy.

A Gospel Drama

“Truth and Mercy have met together Justice and Peace have kissed.” (Psalm 85:10, paraphrase)

Isaiah Memory Verse of the Week:

“Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke? (Isaiah 58:6, ESV)

Isaiah Scripture Reading Plan

- **Monday:** Isaiah 56
- **Tuesday:** Isaiah 57
- **Wednesday:** Isaiah 58
- **Thursday:** Isaiah 59

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