Isaiah 58-59

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INTRODUCTION

- As we went through chapters 55 through 57, chapter 55, we saw an invitation to abundant life.
- So what's in the past is not the measure of the mercy of God. It's what are you doing? Turn to God. He will have mercy and pardon.

1 The Sure Mercies of David

Acts 13:34; 2 Samuel 7:15; Isaiah 54:10

- Incline your ear and come to me here, and your soul shall live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you. The sure mercies of David.
- And so the sure mercies of David are not just for Messiah, it's for his people as well.
- We as a church, if we depart from God, will God just dissolve the church? No.
- No weapon formed against you shall prosper. I believe for a certainty that he's talking about the church.

2 The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Isaiah 59:17; Isaiah 59:19; Isaiah 54:14

- God puts on righteousness as a breastplate and a helmet of salvation on his head.
- And so our armor, when we put on the breastplate of righteousness and the helmet of salvation, that identifies us as with our commander.
- Soldiers fight in the battle, but who does the battle belong to? It belongs to the commander.
- And the Lord is really the one that lifts up the standard against evil. He is the one in charge.

3 Is This a Fast That I've Chosen?

Isaiah 1:10–11; Leviticus 23:32; Luke 11:42

- Why have we fasted, they say, and you've not seen? Why have we afflicted our souls and you take no notice?
- But in this context here, the affliction of the soul is to humble oneself.
- Remember the charge of Jesus? You've neglected the love of God. That's the weightier matter.
- The primary reason for fasting is to seek the Lord. We deny the physical in order to focus on the spiritual and to seek God.
- But when you proclaim a fast to seek the Lord and you follow his will, God will hear. Want God to hear? Follow his ways.

4 Like a Watered Garden

Jeremiah 17:5–8

- The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones, and you shall be like a watered garden and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.
- Those that depart from God are separated from the nourishment of God.
- Because our nourishment is not based upon what's going on around us. Our nourishment is based upon God.
- If you will come to God and do his will, he will bless you. But there is no peace for those who reject him.

5 Your Iniquities Have Separated You From Your God

Isaiah 59:1–2; James 4:8; Isaiah 59:14

- Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, nor is ear heavy that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God.
- It's our sins that separate us from God. And so if God is not near us, who's moved? God doesn't move.
- When we sin, we draw away from God, and there's separation. When we draw nearer to God, he will draw near to us.

6 This Is My Covenant With Them

Isaiah 59:16–17; Isaiah 59:21; Acts 2:38–39

- He saw that there was no man and wondered why there was no intercessor. And therefore his own arm brought salvation for him.
- Yes, a nation will fall, but there will be a remnant. The Redeemer will still honor Zion. But it will be limited to those who turn from transgression in Jacob.
- As for me, says the Lord, this is my covenant with them. My spirit who is upon you, and my words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth.
- For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far off. Sure mercies of David. This is an enduring promise.

MY NOTES