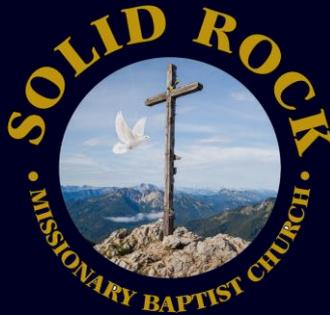
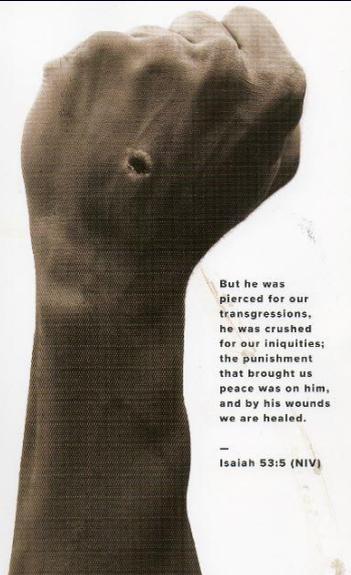


# SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



**TRUTH, JUSTICE,  
AND POWER**  
THE JESUS WAY



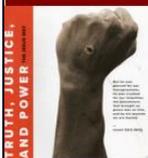
But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

— Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)

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## Study Schedule June – July 2020

Date	Topic	Scriptures
6/3/2020	Depend On God	Genesis 39:1- 6, 16 – 23
6/10/2020	Making A Bold Move	Numbers 27:1 – 11
6/17/2020	God's Justice and The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1 – 10
6/24/2020	Seeking Salvation and Choosing Compassion	Luke 10:25 – 37
7/1/2020	Break	No Study
7/8/2020	Worship Anchors My Soul	John 4:7 – 24
7/15/2020	Share the Good News	Mark 5:1 – 19
7/22/2020	Worship And Justice	Isaiah 58
7/29/2020	Faithful: Advancing The Good News	Acts 18:1 – 4, 18 – 26



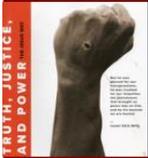
## This Week's Lesson – July 22, 2020

### Truth, Justice and Power – The Jesus Way

#### Lesson 7:

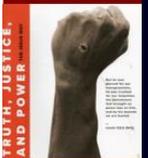
#### Worship And Justice

#### Isaiah 58



Group Discussion What do you think pleases God in worship? What displeases Him?

- God is pleased when worship is accurate – Worship pleases God is according to Biblical truth about Him.
- God is pleased when worship is authentic – Our worship need to be from the heart – not to impress others.
- God is pleased when worship is thoughtful – Worship is not just emotion but involves our minds.
- God is pleased when worship is practical – Worship means for our lives are a living sacrifice in service to Him and others.



## Introduction To The Book Of Isaiah

**Author:** The Prophet Isaiah - son of Amoz. (Isaiah 1:1)

**Date of Writing:** 739 - 681 B.C. (Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah)

**Purpose of Writing:** To call Judah to repentance and to prophesy of God's future deliverance in the coming Messiah.

### Practical Application:

- Isaiah is called "the Bible in miniature" (66 Books/66 Chs.) presenting the Saviour as "the Main Thing".
- The Prophet Isaiah challenges Israel to obey God with all of their heart, not just on the outside.
- Isaiah presents details of the price Christ paid for us, how can we neglect or reject "so great a salvation"? (Hebrews 2:3).



## Overview of Isaiah

<i>Chapters 1-35</i>	<i>Chapters 36-39</i>	<i>Chapters 40-66</i>
Judgments in the Present	Historical Interlude	Glory in the Future
<b>The Judgment of God</b>		<b>The Comfort of God</b>
Messiah the Judge		Messiah the Servant
Groan		Glory
God's Government "A throne" (6:6)		God's Grace "A Lamb" (53:7)

# Read Isaiah 58

## Isaiah 58:1 – 3 (NKJV)

**1 “Cry aloud, spare not; Lift up your voice like a trumpet; Tell My people their transgression, And the house of Jacob their sins.**

**2 Yet they seek Me daily, And delight to know My ways, As a nation that did righteousness, And did not forsake the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me the ordinances of justice; They take delight in approaching God.**

**3 ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and You have not seen? Why have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?’ “In fact, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, And exploit all your laborers.**



### Isaiah 58:4 – 6 (NKJV)

**4** Indeed you fast for strife and debate, And to strike with the fist of wickedness. You will not fast as you do this day, To make your voice heard on high.

**5** Is it a fast that I have chosen, A day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, And to spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast, And an acceptable day to the Lord?

**6** “Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke?



### Isaiah 58:7 – 9 (NKJV)

**7** Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh?

**8** Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

**9** Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’ “If you take away the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

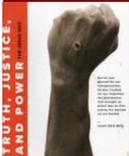


### Isaiah 58:10 – 12 (NKJV)

**10** If you extend your soul to the hungry And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall be as the noonday.

**11** The Lord will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

**12** Those from among you Shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.



### Isaiah 58:13 – 14 (NKJV)

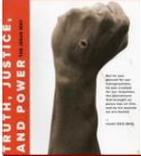
**13** “If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the Lord honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words,

**14** Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the Lord has spoken.”



1. What was the prophet supposed to tell the people (v. 1)? Why would God make such a strong challenge?

- **The Importance Of Obeying God's Law:** Isaiah was called to give a passionate, accurate call to repentance from God's Word.
- **Their Overstepping Of God Laws:** To show them their transgressions – doing what the Lord commanded not to do.
- **Their Shortcomings In Keeping God's Law:** To show them their sins – not doing what the Lord commanded them to do.



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- **To Challenge Judah to Remembrance:** For the people to remember God's Holiness and power and who they are in Him.
- **To Challenge Judah to Repentance:** To turn from their sins and transgression or face the coming judgement.
- **To Challenge Judah To Re-Commitment:** To renew walking in true faith in God – not just going through the motions.

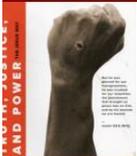


## 2. What questions did the people ask God (v. 3)?

### Questions From The People:

- *Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and You have not seen?*
- *Why have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?'*

*The people did not understand why they were being called to repent of their sins – because of their religious “spiritual” activity.*



## 3. How was God's answer (vv. 3-4) different from what the people probably expected?

### The People Expected Commendation/God Answers With Conviction (v. 3b):

- While the people were engaged in temple - God saw their injustices in the community (selfishness, financial injustice)

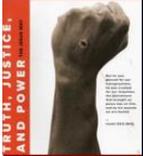
### The People Expected Comfort/God Answers With Correction (V. 4):

- God points out the people while fasting – thought of themselves as better than others creating strife and debate (racism, sexism, etc.).



4. What does God's answer reveal about the importance of justice?

- God loves and cares about justice and mercy for the poor and oppressed.
- We cannot truly worship God while at the same time mistreating our neighbor.
- God not only sees our actions but our motives as well. (We may be able to fool others – but we may never fool God...)
- If we fail to heed God's call to right Injustice – He will do so His way, painfully, swiftly and completely.



5. What is the connection between justice and worship (vv. 6-8)?

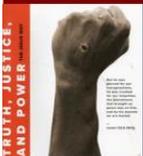
Doing Right/Justice Toward Others: (v. 6)

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Doing Right/Justice For Others: (v. 7)

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**Right Worship Toward God/Right Response  
From God (v. 8 )**

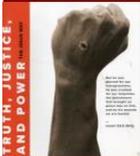


6. What promises did God give if the people would return to right fasting (vv. 8-12)?

**God Promises for right fasting: (vv. 8 – 12 )**

- His Presence lights the way to His blessings.
- His Power will bring healing to us and to the Land.
- His Provision will go before us.
- His Protection will cover and follow us.
- His People will be restored and their posterity preserved.

*If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land (II Chron. 7:14 NKJV)*



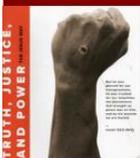
7. In what ways might God's promises apply to us today when we have acceptable worship?

**As We Seek To Do Justice**

- Preaching and teaching the Gospel
- Providing for/Visiting the Poor, Sick and Imprisoned
- Seeking racial and social justice

**Seeing God's Promises :**

- Growth in Numbers
- Provision for the Building Fund
- Power and Answers to Prayer
- Restoration in our Community/nation



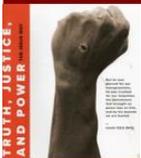
## 8. What actions should you take to begin dealing with those injustices?

- **Pray and Engage:** Pray for God's Grace to intercede for justice. Offer your time, talent and treasure in your Church's outreach ministries
- **Participate:** Vote and prayerfully support moral (not perfect) candidates who and will uphold God's Justice.
- **Partnership:** Link up with social resources and programs to assist members and the surrounding community.



## Keys For Living

- The Word of God addresses all areas of our lives – even areas that seem too small or uncomfortable.
- Our worship is not acceptable to God if we overlook the poor and the oppressed among us.
- As Disciples of Christ, we are called to be the “Hands and Feet” of Jesus - serving anyone around us who are in need.



WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?

**TO ACT JUSTLY <sup>2</sup>AND**  
**TO LOVE MERCY**  
**AND**  
**TO WALK HUMBLY**  
**<sup>2</sup>WITH YOUR GOD**

MICAH 6:8 | NIV