### Isaiah

## Chapter 56

1‘Jehovah says:  
  
 ‘Guard right decisions and justice,  
 For salvation from Me has approached…  
 Yes, you will soon witness My mercy.’  
  
 2‘Blest is the man who is doing these things,  
 As well as the one who is holding them [dear]…  
 The one who is guarding the Sabbaths  
 And is careful not to profane them,  
 As well as the one who keeps watch on his hands,  
 So he never does what’s unrighteous.  
  
 3‘Don’t let the foreigners say  
 (Those who’ve come to be joined to the Lord),  
 ‘Jehovah has set me apart from His people.’  
 And may the eunuch not say,  
 ‘I am just a dry tree!‘  
  
 4‘For, thus says Jehovah to eunuchs  
 And to those who are keeping His Sabbaths…  
 To all that choose to do as He wills  
 And live by His Sacred Agreement:  
  
 5‘I’ll give you something better than daughters and sons…  
 From My [Temple] and famous walled [city],  
 I’ll give you a name throughout the ages…  
 [A name] that will never expire.  
  
 6‘I’ll give it to those foreign peoples  
 Who come to be joined to the Lord…  
 To those who love him and bow to his name…  
 To those women and men who will serve him,  
 And to all that are keeping My Sabbaths  
 (To those who do not profane them),  
 And to those who hold onto My Sacred Agreement.  
  
 7‘To My Holy Mountain, I’ll bring them,  
 And I’ll give them joy in My House of Prayer.  
 I will accept their burnt offerings  
 And all that they bring to My Altar.  
 For, at that time, My [Temple] will be called  
 ‘A House of Prayer for all Nations.’  
  
 8‘Yes, this was all said by Jehovah…  
 The One who’ll return IsraEl’s scattered.  
 He’ll call them for an assembly  
 9To which the wild beasts are invited…  
 The wild beasts of the woods will go there and eat!  
  
 10‘See how they all have been blinded…  
 Those dumb dogs that don’t know how to bark…  
 Those dreaming of beds and those fond of slumber…  
 11Those impudent dogs with unfulfilled lives.  
  
 ‘Because they’re wicked, they don’t understand,  
 So they’ve followed the ways that they’ve chosen  
 To gain an unfair advantage…  
 Those who say, 12‘Come here and get wine;  
 Then, let’s all drink ‘til we’re drunk.  
 For tomorrow will be a much better day!’