### Isaiah

## Chapter 58

1‘Yell it out loud… Don’t hold it back!  
 Raise your voices like trumpets,  
 And announce the sins of My people…  
 Tell the house of Jacob how lawless they’ve been!  
  
 2‘But the day will come when they’ll seek Me  
 And wish to know all My ways.  
 For they’ll be a righteous people again,  
 And they won’t abandon the justice of God.  
  
 ‘Even now, they ask for My righteous decisions,  
 And they want to come closer to God.  
 3They have repeatedly asked Me:  
  
 ‘Why haven’t You looked when we fasted?  
 Why didn’t You notice when we humbled our souls?’  
  
 ‘[But, this is what you should tell them]:  
  
 ‘On the days that you fast, you do as you please…  
 And you oppress those whom [you employ].  
  
 4‘You fast [to win] lawsuits and battles,  
 As you beat the humble with your fists.  
 So, why are you fasting to Me  
 In the ways that you’re doing today…  
 Just to hear the sounds of your voices?  
  
 5‘I never chose fasts for such reasons;  
 For, when you fast, you should humble your souls.  
 So don’t bend your necks in a crook,  
 Or wear sackcloth with ashes beneath you;  
 For, when you call fasts for such reasons,  
 I will refuse to accept them.’  
  
 6‘Jehovah says:  
  
 ‘I’ve not asked you to fast for such things.  
 I’ve asked you to loosen the bonds of injustice,  
 And to end your violent exchanges.  
  
 ‘Send away freely, those who’ve been wronged,  
 And tear up your unrighteous [contracts]!  
 7Break bread with those who are hungry,  
 And accept the homeless and poor in your homes!  
  
 ‘If you see someone naked, provide him with clothes!  
 And concerning the offspring of your family;  
 You should dislike them no more!  
 8Then, the next morning, light will break through,  
 And the things that need cures will be gone.’  
  
 ‘[Then, if you should choose to do all these things],  
 The righteousness will travel with you,  
 And the glory of God will protect you.  
 9When you call to Jehovah, He’ll listen,  
 And while you’re still speaking, He’ll say, ‘Here I am!’  
  
 ‘If you’ll get rid of your evil plans,  
 [And happily] stretch out your hands…  
 10If you will open your hearts  
 And give bread to the hungry  
 Until the souls of the humble are filled;  
 Your light will arise from the darkness,  
 And your darkness will be as midday;  
 11Your God will always be with you,  
 And you’ll [get] all the things that you want.  
  
 ‘Like well-watered gardens, your bones will grow fat,  
 And you’ll be like springs in a desert.  
 12Your desolate places will all be rebuilt…  
 For generations of generations, their foundations will last.  
 You’ll be called a builder of walls,  
 And there’ll be no stones in your paths.  
  
 13‘If you’ll turn your feet towards the Sabbaths,  
 And not do as you wish on this holy day;  
 If you’ll call the Sabbaths delightful  
 (Things that are holy to God);  
 If you won’t lift a foot to do work,  
 Nor let angry words flow from your mouths,  
 14And you just rely on Jehovah;  
 To your land, He will send blessings…  
 He’ll feed the inheritance of Jacob (your father).’  
  
From the mouth of the Lord, these things were all said.