### Isaiah

## Chapter 59

1Is the hand of Jehovah too weak to save…  
 Are His ears too heavy to listen?  
 2It’s your sins that have brought this division  
 Between yourselves and your God…  
 It’s because of your sins that He’s turned away  
 So as not to show mercy upon you.  
  
3For your hands are tainted with blood,  
 And your fingers [are covered with] sins.  
 Your lips speak about lawless things,  
 And your tongues discuss what’s unrighteous.  
  
4Of righteous things, you no longer talk,  
 Nor is there any true justice.  
 You’re relying on things that are foolish,  
 And the words that you speak are all empty.  
  
To things that are lawless, you’ve given birth,  
 And to misery, you are a father.  
 5You hatch eggs of asps and weave spider’s webs;  
 But before they can be devoured,  
 A rotten egg breaks and out comes a cobra.  
  
6So, they won’t weave your webs into clothes,  
 And you’ll not wear the rest of the things that you’ve made;  
 For, all that you’re doing is lawless.  
  
7Your feet now run towards what’s wicked,  
 And you’re quick to shed innocent blood.  
 Your thoughts are all about murder…  
 In your paths, are misery and destruction.  
  
8The ways of peace, you’ve not known,  
 And in your roads, there’s injustice.  
 The paths that you walk are all twisted,  
 And peaceful ways, you’ve forgotten.  
 9Yes, things that are fair have all left you…  
 There’s no way that you will be just.  
  
So, as these people are waiting for light  
 (As they’re awaiting the sunrise),  
 All that comes will be darkness,  
 And they’ll walk as though it were midnight.  
  
10Along the walls, like blind men, they’ll grope  
 (They’ll grope like men with no eyes),  
 And they’ll stumble at noon as at midnight…  
 Then, groan like those who are dying…  
 11They’ll travel like a bear with a dove.  
  
So although we have waited for justice,  
 Our salvation is still far away,  
 12Since our lawless ways before Him are great,  
 And our sins haven’t been left behind.  
  
Yes, our lawless ways are still in us,  
 And we’re aware of all our offenses.  
 13We’ve lied and we have been godless…  
 We have departed from God.  
  
We’ve spoken unjustly and don’t wish to change…  
 Of unrighteous things, we think in our hearts.  
 14We’ve left behind all that is fair,  
 And justice is now far away.  
  
Truth is being consumed in our ways,  
 And we’re unable to walk in straight paths.  
 15Yes, truth has been lifted away,  
 And the thoughts of the knowing are twisted.  
  
Jehovah saw this and He wasn’t pleased;  
 For nowhere could fairness be found.  
 16He thought and beheld that there’s no one…  
 Not a man who’ll give aid [to another].  
  
So, with His arm, He became their defender…  
 In His mercy, He gave them support.  
 17He put on the chest plate of justice,  
 And the helmet of salvation, He raised to His head.  
 18In the coat of vengeance, He then wrapped Himself  
 (In the robe of deserved retribution)  
 To repay the scorn of His enemies.  
  
19So, Jehovah’s Name will be feared in the west,  
 And in the east, He’ll be honored and respected.  
 For the anger of the Lord is now blazing  
 Like the rage of a river.  
  
 20‘Then a savior will come out of Zion  
 Who’ll remove the irreverence from Jacob,’ said Jehovah.  
 21‘And this is My Promise to him:  
 My Spirit will rest upon you  
 And I’ll put My words in your mouth.  
 At that time, your mouth will not fail you,  
 Nor will the mouths of your offspring  
 From now and into the ages.’