

Grace or Disgrace

Isaiah 56

1. The Effects of _____ (v. 1-8)
 - a. On the _____ of God's people
 - i. Based on the _____ to come
 - Keep _____
 - Do _____
 - a. _____ observing
 - b. _____ rejecting
 - ii. Based on the LORD's _____
 - b. On the _____ of God's people
 - i. Shocking inclusion of the _____
 - Who keeps the _____
 - Who chooses the LORD's _____
 - Who seize the LORD's _____
 - Who receive the LORD's _____
 - Who receive an eternal _____
 - ii. Shocking inclusion of the _____
 - Who _____ to the LORD
 - Who _____ the LORD's name
 - Who become the LORD's _____
 - Whom the LORD brings
 - a. For _____
 - b. For _____
 - iii. Shocking inclusion of the " _____ "
2. The Life of _____ (v. 6-13)
 - a. _____ watchmen
 - b. _____, sleeping, never satisfied dogs
 - c. _____, drunken shepherds

"What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?"

Romans 6:1-2

"Isaiah leads us by the hand toward true revival. His ministry was not intended for people who were spiritually advanced. In chapters 1-39 of his book, Isaiah confronts his own generation with their repeated failure to treat God as if he were really God. They established such a pattern of practical atheism that they disqualified themselves in the sight of God. He had to send them off into exile in Babylon."

John Ortland, Jr. on Introducing the Revival of Isaiah 56-66

"The *foreigner* and the *eunuch* are offered as striking cases in point of the all-embracing inclusiveness of verse 2. The Old Testament was never exclusivist on a national basis. Deuteronomy 23:3ff dealt with specific matters requiring special treatment, but Exodus 12:48-49 expresses the general position that the 'stranger' was always a welcome convert.

"Ezra and Nehemiah have been sadly misunderstood as if their motive was exclusivism. Their problem was to preserve the identity and purity of the people of God at a time when these things were under threat. This is a vital task, for if the people of God lose distinctiveness there is nothing for anyone to join nor any good reason for seeking to do so! An inclusive objective requires a distinctive base of operation."

Alex Motyer on the blessings offered in Isaiah 56:3-7

Read through the Bible in a year!

Oct 3: **Isaiah 17-19; Ephesians 5:17-33** Oct 7: **Is 28-29; Philippians 3**
Oct 4: **Isaiah 20-22; Ephesians 6** Oct 8: **Is 30-31; Philippians 4**
Oct 5: **Isaiah 23-25; Philippians 1** Oct 9: **Is 32-33; Colossians 1**
Oct 6: **Isaiah 26-27; Philippians 2**

*** Lord willing, all who complete the reading at the end of the year will be invited to a dinner and celebration at the end of the year!***