

## Delight In or From the LORD?

*Isaiah 58*

1. Faith Expressed by \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1-5)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ of ritual
    - i. Daily \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD
    - ii. Not abandoning the LORD's \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ in the LORD's ways and worship
  - b. Content of \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. First hint: "\_\_\_\_\_ a nation which did righteousness"
    - ii. Second hint: "you didn't \_\_\_\_\_"
    - iii. Third hint: "we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves"
    - iv. Fasting into \_\_\_\_\_
    - v. Worship on "\_\_\_\_\_"
2. Faith Expressed by \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6-10)
  - James 1:27
  - b. Releasing those in \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Sharing with the \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Refraining from \_\_\_\_\_
3. Faith Expressed by Relationship (v. 8-14)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ of true religion
    - i. Your \_\_\_\_\_ before you
    - ii. The LORD's \_\_\_\_\_ behind you
    - iii. Divine \_\_\_\_\_ to your calls
    - iv. \_\_\_\_\_
    - v. Provision, \_\_\_\_\_ & restoration
    - vi. Participation in \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ of true religion
    - i. Delight in \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. Delight in the \_\_\_\_\_

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."  
*James 1:27*

"Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause."  
*Isaiah 1:17*

"Thus says the LORD: 'Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed. Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.'  
*Isaiah 56:1-2*

### J. Alec Motyer on Isaiah 58

"The exposing word of God (1) comes to people who are very religious (2) but find no satisfaction in their religion (3). Somehow, God is not responding to them. Put bluntly, however, the religion which is exposed here rests on Canaanite rather than Yahwistic principles. The essence of Canaanite religion was to put the gods under pressure to perform their functions (hence, for example, what we would call orgiastic rites deigned to stimulate Baal to acts of fertility). This is the spirit which verse 3 reveals. They act *as if they were a nation that does what is right* (2c), but the motive is to pressure the Lord into response. Not doing things to influence the Lord but doing them to obey him; not works looking for reward but faith acting in obedience."

### Read through the Bible in a year!

Oct 31: **Jeremiah 22-23; Titus 1**      Nov 4: **Jer. 32-33; Hebrews 1**  
Nov 1: **Jeremiah 24-26; Titus 2**      Nov 5: **Jer. 34-36; Hebrews 2**  
Nov 2: **Jeremiah 27-29; Titus 3**      Nov 6: **Jer. 37-39; Hebrews 3**  
Nov 3: **Jeremiah 30-31; Philemon**

\*\*\* 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!\*\*\*