Isaiah 56

King James Version (KJV)

- **56** Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and <u>do justice</u>: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. (Do what is just and right; regardless of what the world is doing)
- ²Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that <u>keepeth the sabbath</u> from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. (Sabbath = rest, peace of mind)

(Keeping the Sabbath means worshipping the true God every day; by studying His Word to better serve Him; and to lead a healthy, happy life)

- ³ Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. (Don't let any Christians feel like they may not be accepted)
- ⁴ For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant; (All people who choose God, over the ways of the world, are welcomed by God)
- ⁵ Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. (The everlasting name is Christian = Christ man)

(Who so ever will – all those who repent and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior are equally saved. God has no favorites. HE loves all of us equally) See Matthew-20:1-16

- ⁶ Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; (These are the people who believe in God and join Him; regardless of who or where they came from)
- ⁷Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of

prayer for all people. (Salvation is open to all people. Unfortunately, many people refuse it) see Revelation-21:20-24

(Jesus became the sacrifice for all time, when He was crucified for our sins. Today, our offerings to God are our love and our worship) see Hosea-6:6

- *The Lord God, which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him. (Jesus will gather all people to Himself on the Lord's Day)
- ⁹ All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest.
- ¹⁰ His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. (Most preachers today are ignorant of God's Word)

(They teach traditions of men. They write sermons out of their own imaginations; instead of reading and teaching God's Word, chapter by chapter, verse by verse)

¹¹ Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. (These are the crooked government leaders who pervert justice; and false preachers who change the meaning of God's Word to fit their agenda)

(They spend their life chasing after riches for themselves. They were supposed to be watchmen. Their duty was supposed to be - to keep the truth of God's Word coming to the people. They failed miserably)

¹² Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant. (They invite you to a two day drunk; while they take your money to enrich themselves)