## Isaiah 58

King James Version (KJV)

- **58** Cry aloud, spare not, <u>lift up thy voice like a trumpet</u>, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. (Tell people the truth, if you know it. Sound the alarm, loudly; so that they will hear you and wake up spiritually)
- <sup>2</sup>Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God. (They play religion, but only end up hearing the traditions on men. They never learn the Word of God chapter by chapter, verse by verse)
- <sup>3</sup> Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and <u>exact all your labours</u>. (They fast; and then brag about how holy you are)

(exact all your labours - they work at grieving others with their false teachings)

(They preach fire and brimstone to keep people in chains of guilt & fear; instead of teaching them repentance & God's forgiveness of our sins. Knowing the truth will free the people) see John-8:32

<sup>4</sup>Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. (If you insist on "being miserable" for God with your fasting, He won't listen. These guys are playing church in order to look holy in front of others)

("Woe is me. I suffer for God" – they say. God never asked them to do any of that. God's message is – Learn my Word and live by it, and you will live a happy life. Stay true to God and you will receive His blessings and peace of mind)

Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a <u>bulrush</u>, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? (God never asked you to fast and be sad for Him)

(A bulrush is a reed, shaking in the wind – first this way and then that way. It's symbolic for denominationalism. These are false preachers trying to outdo each other with their sermons. But they never seem to get around to teaching God's Word, unchanged and complete)

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? (Do not let man shackle you in fear and bondage. The truth in God's Word will set you free)

'Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? (We are supposed to spiritually help others who need it and want it. Teach the truth to those who seek to learn. Feed them the spiritual food that is God's Word – food for the soul)

(So many people in the world need to hear God's Word. They are lost in the day to day struggles to just survive; while the rich take more and more for themselves. People need encouragement more and more, as the time of antichrist approaches)

- \*Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward. (Then God will reward and bless you for helping to move His Word forward. HE will guide your way forward and watch your back from the evils of the world)
- Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; (Don't point out other peoples trespasses or put a burden on them. Instead, help and encourage others when they need it. Do that, and God will hear you and answer your cries, when you need encouragement)

Isaiah-43:26 (Remind Me of My promises, so that I may justify you)

<sup>10</sup> And if thou draw out thy soul to the <u>hungry</u>, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day: (Share what you learn from the Bible with those that are hungry for truth. You'll never be in the dark; and neither will the people who hear you and learn God's Word. Darkness is symbolic for confusion)

## (Jesus said – I am the light of the world) John-8:12

<sup>11</sup> And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and <u>satisfy thy soul in drought</u>, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters <u>fail</u> not. (fail = deceive or lie – better translation)

(The drought of the end days is not for food and water. It is for hearing the Word of God) Amos-8:11

(These waters are the living waters of God's Word; the living waters that Jesus preached) John 4:10-14

<sup>12</sup> And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. (This is future – on the Lord's Day. It will be a time of teaching misguided people)

<sup>13</sup> If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: (Jesus Christ became our Sabbath – our resting place. Only in His Word can we find true happiness and peace of mind) Matthew-12:8

Example: (Celebrate Passover, not Easter. The Elect will witness against antichrist before the whole world. Study God's Word, not traditions of men. We will not rapture out of here and fly away)

Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. (The heritage of Jacob, was the family that would bring forth Jesus Christ to the world)

(Jesus became our Sabbath. Study God's Word and live by His Ten Commandments. That will keep you centered and you will live a good and prosperous life)