

YOUR JOURNEY TO JESUS

Bible Study Group



He Changes the Hearts and
Minds of All Who Receive Him

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Isaiah 56: Salvation for the Gentiles; Israel's Irresponsible Leaders

Good morning, welcome to our Sunday morning Bible Study. This morning, we begin our study of Isaiah 56. In this chapter, God is speaking to His people through the prophet Isaiah; telling us to do what is just and right, because He will save us. He speaks of the Sabbath and keeping it holy; but can we identify with the fact that our Father in heaven is speaking of something much greater than a specific day that was set aside and designated by man? In this study, we will be reading and discussing the following topics:

- **Salvation for the Gentiles** (verses 1-8)
God promises a place in His plan of Salvation for those who are rejected by the world; no one is excluded who receives God's gift of Salvation through Jesus Christ ([Matthew 22:1-14](#); [Matthew 5:1-12](#); [John 15:18-25](#)).
- **Israel's Irresponsible Leaders** (verses 9-12)
God rebukes the shepherds of His people; He accuses them of being lazy, covetous, and selfish men who cared nothing about the people they led ([Matthew 18:1-7,10-14](#)).

Let us begin by acknowledging that when the Lord our God spoke of days in His Word; it is clear He was not seeing days as we see days. It was man that labeled the days, and designated a set name for specific days, and expected everyone to worship the Lord based on what they designated rather than what the Lord our God said. We know that man's ordinances were based purely on their own religious practices, man-made doctrines and traditions.

Today, at the hands of the shepherds rebuked by God, many of the little ones have been turned away from the church, away from Christ, and away from God. As we draw nearer to the end of days, we know that soon we will be taken from this place and raised up into an everlasting Kingdom to live forever with our God and with His Christ, our Lord of Lords and King of Kings. All thanks, praise, honor and glory to the Lord our God. Amen.

The Sabbath Is Greater Than Any Day Set Aside and Appointed By Man

- [Genesis 1:31; Genesis 2:1-3](#) (Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day)
- [Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 2:23-28; Matthew 12:1-8](#) (Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath)
- [Ezekiel 20:19-24](#) (I am the Lord your God; walk in My statutes, keep My judgments, and do them; hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the Lord your God)
- [Exodus 31:13-17; Isaiah 58:13](#) (Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you)
- [Romans 14:1-13](#) (One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it)

Those Who Mislead the Sheep of My Pasture

- [Zechariah 11:4-17](#) (The prophecy of the shepherds)
- [Jeremiah 23:1-12](#) (Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!" says the Lord)
- [Ezekiel 34:1-10](#) (Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves; should not the shepherds feed the flocks)
- [Matthew 23:1-39](#) (Woe to the scribes and Pharisees)
- [1 John 2:15-17](#) (Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him)
- [1 John 2:18-23](#) (...Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.)

I Am the True Shepherd

- [John 10:1-18,22-30](#) (...I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep)
- [Ezekiel 34:11-31](#) (For thus says the Lord God: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out)
- [Matthew 10:5-15](#) (These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans; but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel)
- [John 14:15-24,26-27](#) (If you love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever)
- [Colossians 3:9-17](#) (Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with

his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him)

- [Hebrews 8:1-6](#) (Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man)
- [Hebrews 8:7-13](#) (For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah)

Trust in the Lord Your God; Do Not Be Deceived

- [Proverb 3:1-8](#) (...Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding)
- [2 Peter 3:1-9](#) (...knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, where is the promise of His coming)
- [2 Peter 3:10-13](#) (But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up)
- [1 Thessalonians 5:1-11](#) (...For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him)
- [Matthew 24:4-31](#) (And Jesus answered and said to them: Take heed that no one deceives you; for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many)
- [Ephesians 5:1-13](#) (...Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience)

The One Whom God Sent, His Only Begotten Son

- [Zechariah 2:8-13](#) (For thus says the Lord of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye)
- [Isaiah 53:1-12](#) (Who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed)
- [2 Corinthians 5:14-21](#) (For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again)
- [Matthew 12:18-21](#) (Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He will declare justice to the Gentiles)
- [Isaiah 11:1-5](#); [Isaiah 9: 6-7](#); [Isaiah 7:14-16](#); (There shall come forth a Rod from the stem

of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord)

- [Revelation 12:10-11](#) (Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come)
- [1 John 2:1-11](#) (...And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world)
- [Romans 13:11-14](#) (And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed)

What God Did Through His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ

- [Hebrews 10:1-39](#) (For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect)
- [Romans 8:1-11](#) (There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit)
- [Romans 14:14-23](#) (I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean)
- [Hebrews 4:1-10](#); (The promise of rest)
- [Colossians 2:6-23](#) (As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving)
- [Psalm 113:1-6](#) (Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore; from the rising of the sun to its going down, the Lord’s name is to be praised)
- [Isaiah 43:21](#); [2 Chronicles 7:13-14](#); [Psalm 148:1-14](#); [Revelation 4:11](#) (This people I have formed for Myself; they shall declare My praise)