

CRY ALOUD, SPARE NOT

A Study of Isaiah 58

What Does Ellen White Write About Isaiah 58?

- The Adventist Home, page 167.4
- *Please read Isaiah 58*
- Life Sketches of Ellen G. White, page 96.3
- *I was shown that the precious promises of Isaiah 58:12-14 apply to those who labor for the restoration of the true Sabbath.*
- Testimonies for the Church Volume Eight, page 159.3
- *This is our work. The light that we have upon the third angel's message is the true light. The mark of the beast is exactly what it has been proclaimed to be. Not all in regard to this matter is yet understood, and will not be understood until the unrolling of the scroll; but a most solemn work is to be accomplished in our world. The Lord's command to His servants is, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isaiah 58:1 -*

What Does Isaiah 58:1 Say?

- *Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.*
- Ted Wilson on Sunday Law -

“Cry Aloud, Spare Not” About What?

- Revelation 14:7
- *Saying with a **loud voice**, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*
- Revelation 14:9
- *And the third angel followed them, saying with a **loud voice**, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand, -*

“Cry Aloud, Spare Not” About What?

- Selected Messages Book 1, page 126.1
- Let the church arise, and repent of her backslidings before God. Let the watchmen awake, and give the trumpet a certain sound. It is a definite warning that we have to proclaim. God commands His servants, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isaiah 58:1). The attention of the people must be gained; unless this can be done, all effort is useless; though an angel from heaven should come down and speak to them, his words would do no more good than if he were speaking into the cold ear of death...

“Cry Aloud, Spare Not” About What?

- Selected Messages Book 1, page 126.2
- *The church must arouse to action. The Spirit of God can never come in until she prepares the way. There should be earnest searching of heart. There should be united, persevering prayer, and through faith a claiming of the promises of God. There should be, not a clothing of the body with sackcloth, as in ancient times, but a deep humiliation of soul. We have not the first reason for self-congratulation and self-exaltation. We should humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God. He will appear to comfort and bless the true seekers.*

“Cry Aloud, Spare Not” About What?

- Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, page 89.1
- *God says to His servants, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." But when the plain, straight testimony comes from lips under the moving of the Spirit of God, there are many who treat it with disdain. There are among us those who, in actions if not in words, "say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits: get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant. . . ." -*

What Does “Lift Up Thy Voice Like A Trumpet” Mean?

- Joel 2:1
- *Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for [it is] nigh at hand*
- Our focus is to be on the second coming events
- Jeremiah 6:17
- *Also I set watchmen over you, [saying], Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.*
- Point out the heresies! -

What Does “Lift Up Thy Voice Like A Trumpet” Mean?

- Manuscript 27, May 6, 1900
- God's people have a serious, solemn work to do. He bids them, "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isaiah 58:1). -

“My People” Versus “The House Of Jacob”?

- My people = the world
- The House of Jacob = the Seventh-day Adventist Church -

What Does Isaiah 58:2 Say?

- *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. -*

What Is Wrong With What They Do?

- 2 Timothy 3:1-5
- *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. -*

What Is Wrong With What They Do?

- Testimonies for the Church Volume Two, page 147.1, comment on Isaiah 58:2
- *A people are here addressed who make high profession, who are in the habit of praying, and who delight in religious exercises; yet there is a lack. They realize that their prayers are not answered; their zealous, earnest efforts are not observed in heaven, and they earnestly inquire why the Lord makes them no returns. It is not because there is any neglect on the part of God. The difficulty is with the people. While professing godliness, they do not bear fruit to the glory of God; their works are not what they should be. They are living in neglect of positive duties. Unless these are performed, God cannot answer their prayers according to His glory. -*

What Does Isaiah 58:3 Say?

- *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 exact all your labours. -*

What Does Jesus Say To All This Outward Sacrifices?

- 1 Samuel 15:22
- *And Samuel said, Hath the LORD [as great] delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey [is] better than sacrifice, [and] to hearken than the fat of rams. -*

What Does Jesus Say To All This Outward Sacrifices?

- Matthew 7:22-23
- *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. -*

What Does Isaiah 58:4 Say?

- 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. -

What Is the Motivation?

- Why do I spend at least an hour a day in God's Word?
- A) Because we are told to?
- B) Because I don't know what is really in the Bible?
- C) *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (Psalms 119:11) -*

What Is the Motivation?

- Why do I obey the commandments?
- A) To Earn Heaven?
- B) Because only those that obey the commandments in these days go to Heaven.
- C) *If ye love me, keep my commandments.* (John 14:15) -

What Is the Motivation?

- Why do I spend time and money trying to reach others?
- A) Because we're supposed to?
- B) Because I feel like it?
- C) *Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself* (Mark 12:31) -

What Is the Motivation?

- Why am I a vegetarian, trying to be vegan?
- A) Because we're supposed to?
- B) Because I feel like it?
- C) [Next Slide] -

Why Give Up Meat and Dairy?

- Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene, page 46.3
- *Flesh-meats, butter, cheese, rich pastry, spiced foods, and condiments* are freely partaken of by both old and young. These things do their work in deranging the stomach, exciting the nerves, and enfeebling the intellect. The blood-making organs cannot convert such things into good blood. The grease cooked in the food renders it difficult of digestion. The effect of cheese is deleterious. Fine-flour bread does not impart to the system the nourishment that is to be found in unbolted wheat bread. Its common use will not keep the system in the best condition. Spices at first irritate the tender coating of the stomach, but finally destroy the natural sensitiveness of this delicate membrane. The blood becomes fevered, the animal propensities are aroused, while the *moral and intellectual powers are weakened, and become servants to the baser passions*. The mother should study to set a simple yet nutritious diet before her family. -

What Does Isaiah 58:5 Say?

- *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 bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes [under him]? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?*
- Any sacrifice, even a fast, without first consulting God is not of God even if we think it is godly -

What Does Isaiah 58:6-7 Say?

- *[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? [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? -*

Where Else Do We Hear About Helping Hungry, Poor, Naked...?

➤ Matthew 25:32-40

➤ *And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth [his] sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed [thee]? or thirsty, and gave [thee] drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took [thee] in? or naked, and clothed [thee]? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done [it] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [it] unto me. -*

How Do We Meet These Needs?

- Matthew 5:6 *Blessed [are] they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*
- With what?
- The Hungry ought to be fed bread [The Word of God Matthew 4:4]
- The thirsty ought to be given water, milk, and wine [Isaiah 55:1], which is Christ ways [John 4:10], basic lessons of the Bible [1 Peter 2:2], and Jesus' doctrines [Matthew 9:17] -

How Do We Meet These Needs?

- What does a stranger need?
- Psalms 119:18-19 *“Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. I [am] a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.”*
- What do the naked need?
- Revelation 16:15 *“Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.”*
- Isaiah 61:10 *“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness” -*

How Do We Meet These Needs?

- What does the sick or oppressed need?
- Luke 5:31-32
- *And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*
- What do prisoners or oppressed need?
- John 8:32
- *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. -*

What Does Isaiah 58:8 Say?

- 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 rereward.
- REReward means REAR GUARD -

What Light?

- Matthew 5:14-16
- *Ye are the light of the world.* *A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. -*

What Does It Matter of Our Health?

- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.
- 1 Corinthians 3:16-17
- Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are. -

What Righteousness?

➤ The Review And Herald, April 28, 1891 par. 11

➤ **Righteousness, high and elevated, is to control the conduct.** Strength of mind, learning, power of influence, will not give man his eternal life insurance papers. God weighs the action. **Each must form an individual character after the likeness of Christ.**

He must have a conscience taught of God. He must see behind every promise the All-powerful One, with whom he must work as an agent to do His will. If man will not take this position, he will make shipwreck of faith. God will never insure a man for everlasting life whose anchor is not securely fastened to heaven's unalterable law. He must reveal the Christ working in him, in his doctrinal precepts, in his practical obedience. -

What Does Isaiah 58:9-10 Say?

- *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; And [if] thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness [be] as the noonday -*

What Is Meant By “Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer”?

- If we do the previous verses, THEN we will have our prayers answered.
- Psalms 66:18
- *If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear [me] -*

What Is Meant By “the putting forth of the finger”?

- The Bible does not forbid 2 Timothy 4:2,
- *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*
- Pointing out sin and error is of God, but
- Jude 1:16
- *These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling [words]...*
- Do you always find faults in people and things? -

What Is Meant By “thy darkness [be] as the noonday”?

- 1 Thessalonians 5:3-6
- *For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as [do] others; but let us watch and be sober. -*

What Does Isaiah 58:11 Say?

- And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. -

How Shall God Guide Us?

- John 16:13
- *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth*
- Filled with the Spirit means to be growing constantly into more and more truth -

What Spring of Life That Will Never Fail?

- John 4:14
- *But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*
- Draw from Jesus through prayer and faith -

What Does Isaiah 58:12 Say?

- 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. -

What Is Meant By “build the old waste places”?

- What did Antichrist do to make spiritual waste places?
- Daniel 8:12
- *It cast down the truth to the ground*
- Like walls broken down to a city, truth has been broken down and lay as stone cast all over the ground
- We must build it up again, restoring TRUTH -

What Is Meant By “shalt raise up the foundations of many generations”?

- How long is many generations?
- Daniel 7:25
- *And he shall speak [great] words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.*
- Time = 1 year
- Times = 2 years
- Dividing of time is $\frac{1}{2}$ year
- Day/Year principle (Numbers 14:34, Ezekiel 4:6), 1,260 years of generations ($1260/40 = 31.5$ generations) -

What Is Meant By “The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in”?

- Psalms 119:105
- Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. -

What Does Isaiah 58:13 Say?

- 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 -

What Is Meant By “If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath”?

- ST, February 28, 1884 par. 9
- *"If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath," --for they had been trampling it under their feet as a thing despised*
- People are walking all over God's Holy day -

What Is Meant By “from doing thy pleasure on my holy day”?

- Testimonies for the Church Volume Six, 357.1
- *Let not the precious hours of the Sabbath be wasted*
- The Sabbath hours are not restricted hours that we simply occupy time until it is over
- Playing secular games on the Sabbath is simply passing time
- Make good use of the time to gain even more knowledge
- Nature is to be appreciated, studied and not simply be out in -

What Is Meant By “and call the sabbath a delight”?

- In Heavenly Places, page 152.3
- *But while we worship God, we are not to consider this a drudgery. The Sabbath of the Lord is to be made a blessing to us and to our children. They are to look upon the Sabbath as a day of delight, a day which God has sanctified; and they will so consider it if they are properly instructed. . . . They can be pointed to the blooming flowers and the opening buds, the lofty trees and beautiful spires of grass, and taught that God made all these in six days and rested on the seventh day and hallowed it. Thus the parents may bind up their lessons of instruction to their children so that when these children look upon the things of nature they will call to mind the great Creator of them all. . . .*
- For those that feel Sabbath is a drudgery, still present it as if in a situation where you can't alarm anyone else to think differently, not to excite a panic -

What Is Meant By “honourable”?

- Of all the days, it should be the one looked upon as favorable, different from the rest, special. -

What Is Meant By “shalt honour him”?

- Every activity performed, every thought conducted, should have God’s will in mind.
- Though we ought to live every day like this, the Sabbath ought to be special because it is HIS day. -

What Is Meant By “not doing thine own ways”?

- Being your own personal evaluator of what you should and should not do on the Sabbath without consulting God’s Word or the Spirit of Prophecy is doing thine own ways. -

What Is Meant By “nor finding thine own pleasure”?

- This where we look for some godly reason to do what we want to do instead of doing what God would have us do. -

What Is Meant By “nor speaking [thine own] words”?

- Ms5-1867
- *God requires not only refraining from physical labor upon the Sabbath, but the mind must be disciplined to dwell upon sacred themes. The fourth commandment is virtually transgressed by conversing upon worldly things, business transactions, and light and trifling conversation. Talking upon everything or anything which may come into the mind is speaking our own words. Every deviation from the right brings into bondage and condemnation. -*

What Does Isaiah 58:14 Say?

- 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].-

What Is Meant By “shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD”?

- Psalms 1:2
- *But his delight [is] in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*
- The commandments will no longer seem hard to keep
- Psalms 37:4
- *Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*
- Remember, the desires of the heart would have been on godly things and not worldly, such as, eternal life

What Is Meant By “shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD”?

- Psalms 119:174
- *I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law [is] my delight.*
- Psalms 40:8
- *I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law [is] within my heart.*
- Romans 7:22
- For I delight in the law of God after the inward man-

What Is Meant By “ride upon the high places of the earth”?

➤ Lt3-1851

➤ *I saw that we sensed and realized but little of the importance of the Sabbath, to what we yet should realize and know of its importance and glory. I saw we knew not what it was yet to ride upon the high places of the earth and to be fed with the heritage of Jacob. But when the refreshing and latter rain shall come from the presence of the Lord, and the glory of His power, we shall know what it is to be fed with the heritage of Jacob and ride upon the high places of the earth. Then shall we see the Sabbath more in its importance and glory. But [we] shall not see it in all its glory and importance until the covenant of peace is made with us at the voice of God, and the pearly gates of the New Jerusalem are thrown open and swing back on their glittering hinges, and the glad and joyful voice of the lovely Jesus is heard, richer than any music that ever fell on mortal ear, bidding us to enter, that we had a perfect right in the city for we had kept the commandments of God, and heaven, sweet heaven is our home for we have kept the commandments of God. -*

What Is Meant By “feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father”?

- Deuteronomy 30:20
- *That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, [and] that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he [is] thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.*
- Revelation 19:9
- *And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed [are] they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. -*

What Is Meant By “the mouth of the LORD hath spoken [it]”?

- Titus 1:2
- *In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began -*

