

ISAIAH –Lesson 65

Learn: Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. I John 3:16-18

Read: Isaiah 58:1-14

1. What is the LORD telling Isaiah to do in verse 1a?

Why? v 1b

2. What were the people doing that SEEMED to indicate that they had love for God?  
vv 2, 3a

3. Though these people seemed to do what God had commanded, what was the LORD'S complaint against them? vv 3b-4a

4. What do the following passages say about the pretence of insincere worship and fasting?  
Isaiah 1:11-20- Especially note verse 11.

Titus 1:16

5. What are some reasons for worshipping in pretence rather than in truth? James 4:1-4

6. What did God tell them would be the result of fasting and worship that was insincere?  
v 4b

7. What did THEY consider the only things necessary for fasting in order to win God's help? v 5
8. According to God, what are four responses that He wanted from them in their fasting?  
1- v 6a

Give an example of this from Nehemiah 5:10-12.

2- v 6b

Give an example from Galatians 6:1, or Acts 15:10-11.

3- v 6c

Give an example from Galatians 5:1.

4- v 7

Give an example from James 2:14-17; I John 3:17-18

9. What blessing shall be upon those who follow the LORD'S fast? v 8  
Also see Isaiah 33:24; Jeremiah 30:17, 33:6.

10. What promise does the Lord give to those who call upon Him according to His way?  
v 9a

11. He reminds them again of four things that are necessary to receive His blessing. What does He require of them? vv 9b, 10a

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12. Explain the phrase, “Then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day.” Isaiah 42:16; Psalm 37:6
  
13. What does the LORD promise to do for His people, contingent upon their obedience of verse 10? vv 11, 12

Note: The phrase “turn away thy foot from the sabbath” in verse 13 can be translated “keep from breaking.”

14. What is needed in order to fulfill the LORD’S command to truly worship Him?  
v 13b- the center phrase of the verse-

See also Psalm 27:4; Psalm 84:2, 10.

15. From verse 13, what will the person be like who has a delight in pleasing the LORD?

16. What is the outcome of delighting oneself in the LORD? v 14

17. How could Israel be sure that God would bring the promised blessing if they honored the sabbath as He had commanded them? v 14

18. As Gentile believers we are not called to honor the sabbaths as Israel is, so what lessons can we take from these verses for ourselves?