

Thursday Evening Bible Study
Series: The Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Isaiah 56: part 3

Isaiah Chapter 56

The big idea of chapter 56 is that **the Gentiles will partake of the blessings that were formerly (under the Mosaic Law) restricted to Israel.** Chapter 56 anticipates the coming Messianic Kingdom.

Chapter 56 tells a complete story in three parts. Isaiah deals with three groups of people:

<i>Verses 1-2</i>	The people of Israel	The LORD speaks to them
<i>Verses 3-8</i>	The Gentiles: foreigners and eunuchs	The LORD speaks about them
<i>Verses 9-12</i>	Israel's leaders: "watchmen" and "shepherds"	Isaiah speaks to condemn them

The LORD gives the requirements for receiving His blessings, and describes the blessings themselves

	People of Israel	Eunuch	Foreigner
Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Preserve justice2. Do righteousness	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Keeps the LORD's sabbaths	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Has joined himself to the LORD2. Ministers to the LORD3. Loves His name4. Be His servants

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Keep from profaning the sabbath 4. Keep his hand from doing evil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Chooses what pleases the LORD 3. Holds fast His covenant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Keeps from profaning the sabbath 6. Holds fast the LORD's covenant
Blessings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Salvation 2. The LORD's righteousness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A memorial in the house of the LORD 2. A name better than that of sons and daughters 3. An everlasting name which will not be cut off 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will be brought to the LORD's holy mountain 2. Made joyful in the LORD's house of prayer 3. Their burnt offerings will be acceptable on the LORD's altar

As you can see, keep/keep from profaning the Sabbath is a requirement for all three groups.

This evening, we are going to have a discussion based on four questions.

We will refer to the following scriptures:

Exodus 20:8-11; 31:12-17; Leviticus 16:29-31; 25:1-12; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; 1 Chronicles 23:31-32; 2 Chronicles 2:4, 8:12-14; Ezekiel 44:24; 45:17; Matthew 12:1-14, Mark 2:23-3:6; Luke 13:10-17; Colossians 2:16 - 17; Hebrews 4:1-10.

Let's read these now. What do they say about the Sabbath?

3. Are Christians required to observe the Sabbath in the same way that the Jews in the Old Testament did? Why or why not? Back up your answer with scriptures.

4. Is there a Sabbath at all for Christians? If so, what kind? If not, why not? Give biblical support for your answers.