

# Justice, Mercy, and Grace. Isaiah Ch. 58

**J** If because of the sabbath, you turn your foot from doing your own pleasure on My holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the Lord honorable, and shall honor it, desisting from your own ways, from seeking your own pleasure, and speaking your own word, then you will take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; and I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. *Isaiah 58:13-14*

## Sunday Morning, waiting for:

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## The Text

1. V.1-5: Errant worship, corrupt purpose. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. V.6-12: God’s economy, our responsibility, desired results. \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - God’s reason for the “fast:” \_\_\_\_\_
  - Our responsibility in forms of worship: \_\_\_\_\_
  - To our benefit, we receive: \_\_\_\_\_
3. V.13-14: Shabbat, and its divine results: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## The Disciplines of Worship

1. **Justice:** (*tzedekah, dikaiousune*) \_\_\_\_\_
  - “from” us , not to us: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Fear of divine justice: \_\_\_\_\_
  - *Matthew 25: 31-46*: \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Mercy:** (*Chasad, eleos*) \_\_\_\_\_
  - As God is merciful to us: \_\_\_\_\_
  - *Matthew 18:32-33*: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Grace:** (*Karis,*) \_\_\_\_\_
  - As we receive grace, we are to pass it on: \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Faith:** (*pistis*) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Without which we would quickly lose heart: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Gift of Shabbat

- Mark 2:22-23
  - The sabbath was made for man: \_\_\_\_\_
  - The *Son of Man* is Lord even of the sabbath: \_\_\_\_\_
- The Sabbath fast: \_\_\_\_\_
- The Sabbath rest: \_\_\_\_\_
- The Sabbath blessing: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Calling

*Is this not the fast which I chose, (in order) to loosen the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and break every yoke? Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry, and to bring the homeless poor into the house; when you see the naked to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Is. 58:6-7*

## The Blessing

*Then your light will rise in darkness, and your gloom will become like midday, and the Lord will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones; and you will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail. Is. 58:10-11*  
*Then you will take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth. Is. 58:14*

**Where is our failure as followers of Christ? Do we follow out of love or rote obedience? Do we practice our “religion” or do we walk graciously by faith? Do we seek to be heard and seen by God and others or do we truly seek the kingdom?**