



Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. What does it mean to *"keep justice and do righteousness"* (v. 1a)?
2. What will soon come, and what will be revealed (v. 1b)?
3. What Psalm does the wording *"blessed is ..."* recall (v. 2a)?
4. Why is Sabbath-keeping featured in this passage (vv. 2b, 4, 6)?
5. What two groups of persons are addressed in this text (v. 3)?
6. Why were these two groups addressed (vv. 3-4)?
7. What was the concern of these two groups (v. 3)?
8. What is the LORD's promise to these two groups (vv. 4-7)?
9. What is the LORD's house called (v. 7c)? Who cited this many years later? What incident caused him to react in this fashion (see Mark 11:15-19)?
10. The passage concludes with what incredible pronouncement (v. 8)?
11. How is the LORD's righteousness revealed?
12. Why is the Sabbath featured so prominently in this passage?
13. Now that the Christ has come, is there such a thing as *"birthright"* status in the New Covenant?
14. Are there any advantages for children being born into the Church and the New Covenant? Any disadvantages?
15. What is the danger that often accrues because of a birthright status?
16. How do Christians tend to rely more on their *"birthright"* than upon faith?
17. Should the Church remove covenantal birthright as a category for belonging to God's household and consider valid only *"spiritual"*
18. What should the Church (i.e. Pastors, Elders, teachers, parents) do in order to help ensure that birthright status does not overshadow true faith, love and obedience to the LORD God whom the parents profess?
19. What would entice a *"foreigner"* to join himself or herself to the LORD?
20. Who might correspond to the *"eunuch"* in the Church today? membership in the Church?