

ISAIAH

The Holy One of Israel

How to Prepare for the Coming Glory: "Hold Fast My Covenant"

The Path of Blessing: Ritual & Righteousness

Isaiah 58

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty God, you alone are just and righteous. You are our only delight, our treasure our joy, our hope, our longing expectation to satisfy our souls. We confess, Lord, our often complacent and smug religious formality. We confess our delight and hope are often in the things of this world and this shows itself most clearly in the heartless, empty ritual of our Lord's day. Lord, help us. Lord, grant faith and repentance this morning that we might delight in your justice and your righteousness. Cause us to long for the day when your light will break forth like the dawn and the glory of the LORD shall be our rear guard. Lord, convict us concerning our selfishness and pride as we consider our responsibility to those who are bound & oppressed around us. Grant us eyes to see and ears to hear and hearts to love as you have called us to. May delight for your justice and righteousness be our aim and end. Help us, Lord, be quick and ready to submit to your Word this morning that our souls might be like a watered garden and our souls might be satisfied in Jesus Christ our Savior, Redeemer and Delight. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Our Inclination ~ Exposing the Selfish (58:1-5)
2. Our Devotion ~ Commending the Faithful (58:6-12)
3. Our Foundation ~ Delighting in the Sabbath (58:13-14)

Central Textual Truth

Isaiah wanted God's people to do justice & keep righteousness as they wait for deliverance.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to do justice & keep righteousness as we wait for Jesus.