

Isaiah 56 - Salvation to All Men; The Condemnation and the Compassion of God

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At the time of the setting up of the Kingdom, there may be some feeling among the Gentiles that, because of the exalted position of Israel, the Gentiles will be excluded from receiving the benefits of Millennial Temple worship (v1-3). But this will not be the case, for the Temple ministry will be open to all Gentiles who are rightly related to the King. Under no circumstances will they be excluded either because they are Gentiles or because they are mutilated (v4-5). It is then and only then that the House of God will be called truly a house of prayer for all nations (v6-7). When will that be? At the time of Israel's final regathering (v8).

Isaiah 56

(F) Deliverance of the Gentiles (56:1-12)

(a) Israel exhorted to follow God's covenant (56:1-2)

1 This is what the LORD says: "Guard justice and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come And My righteousness to be revealed.

1 Thus says the LORD, "Preserve justice and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come And My righteousness to be revealed.

1 For this is what the LORD says: "Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and soon my deliverance will be revealed.

1 Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

2 "Blessed is a man who does this, And a son of man who takes hold of it; Who keeps from profaning the Sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil."

2 "How blessed is the man who does this, And the son of man who takes hold of it; Who keeps from profaning the sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil."

2 Blessed is the one who does this, and the person that holds it fast, who observes the Sabbath without profaning it, and restrains his hands from practicing any evil.

2 Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

(b) Gentiles exhorted to follow God's covenant (56:3-8)

3 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will certainly separate me from His people." Nor let the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree."

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3 "Let no foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say: 'The LORD will surely exclude me from his people.' Furthermore, let no eunuch say, 'Look! I am just a dry tree.'"

3 Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.

- During the Kingdom, Gentiles who are rightly related to the King will be welcomed to the Temple for worship, and will not be excluded from receiving the benefits of Temple worship

4 For this is what the LORD says: "To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And hold firmly to My covenant,

4 For thus says the LORD, "To the eunuchs who keep My sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant,

4 For this is what the LORD says: "To the eunuchs who observe my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me, and who hold fast my covenant—

4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

5 To them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, And a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be eliminated.

5 To them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, And a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off.

5 to them I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters. I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off.

5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut

off.

- Under no circumstances will Gentiles in right standing before the King be excluded, even if they are mutilated

6 "Also the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, To attend to His service and to love the name of the LORD, To be His servants, every one who keeps the Sabbath so as not to profane it, And holds firmly to My covenant;

6 "Also the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, To minister to Him, and to love the name of the LORD, To be His servants, every one who keeps from profaning the sabbath And holds fast My covenant;

6 "Also, the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, and to bless the LORD'S name, observing the Sabbath without profaning it, and who hold fast my covenant—

6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

7 Even those I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; For My house will be called **a house of prayer** for all the peoples."

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7 these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will rise up to be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for everyone."

7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

- After Gentile inclusion in worship is when the House of God will truly be called a house of prayer for all nations

— Gentile worship in the Millennial Temple is also taught in Is 66:18-24

- "...a house of prayer" - Jesus quoted this verse when He cleared the moneychangers from the Temple a second time (Matt 21:13)

8 The Lord GOD, who gathers the dispersed of Israel, declares, "I will yet gather *others* to them, to those *already* gathered."

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8 This is what the Lord GOD says, the one who gathers the outcasts of Israel: "I'll gather still others to them besides those already gathered.

8 The Lord GOD which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

- All of this will take place at the time of Israel's final regathering

(c) Rebuke to those who refuse to hold to God's covenant (56:9-12)

9 All you wild animals, All you animals in the forest, Come to eat.

9 All you beasts of the field, All you beasts in the forest, Come to eat.

9 "All you wild animals, come and devour— even all of you wild animals.

9 All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest.

10 His watchmen are blind, All of them know nothing. All of them are mute dogs unable to bark, Dreamers lying down, who love to slumber;

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10 His watchmen are blind; they are all without knowledge. They are all dumb dogs— they cannot bark. They keep on dreaming and lying around, and they're lovers of sleep!

10 His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

11 And the dogs are greedy, they are never satisfied. And they are shepherds who have no understanding; They have all turned to their own way, Each one to his unjust gain, without exception.

11 And the dogs are greedy, they are not satisfied. And they are shepherds who have no understanding; They have all turned to their own way, Each one to his unjust gain, to the last one.

11 Meanwhile, the dogs have a mighty appetite— they can never get enough. And as for them, they are the shepherds who lack understanding; they have all turned to their own way, each one to his gain, each and every one.

11 Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

12 "Come," *they say*, "let's get wine, and let's drink heavily of intoxicating drink; And tomorrow will be like today, only more so."

12 "Come," *they say*, "let us get wine, and let us drink heavily of strong drink; And tomorrow will be like today, only more so."

12 "'Come!' they say, 'let's have some wine, and let's fill ourselves with strong drink! Then, tomorrow will be like today, or even much better!'"

12 Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.