

Go GLOCAL – A Heart and Action for the Homeless

A Story of Two Testaments – Isaiah and Luke

Chapter 58 - Isaiah renounces their hypocritical observance of religious practices: fasting and prayer, while they sneer at the poor and homeless.

Isaiah 58:1-3

Why are they engaging in this behavior?
To express their gratitude and submission to God?

Isaiah 58:4-7

God does want to bless his own – but not by cultic manipulation
Only 2x does God command people to fast. Hundreds of places he commands people to love one another
Want to please me that I might bless you? Here's what you can do:
(verse 6 – 7)

Isaiah 58:8-10

Then . . . the light of God is revealed
If . . . you break the yoke . . . stop pointing fingers . . . speaking wickedness . . . be generous for the hungry . . . satisfy the afflicted.

Luke 9:57-62

So, you want to follow Jesus?
“Break my heart with what breaks yours.”

Luke 4:18-21

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Practices Of Faith Include:

- Proverbs 22:9 – Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.
- Proverbs 21:13 – Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.
- Proverbs 29:7 – A righteous man knows the rights of the poor; a wicked man does not understand such knowledge.
- Proverbs 22:2 – The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all.
- Proverbs 28:24 – Whoever gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse.
- Proverbs 14:31 – Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

Why is it important that we engage in this behavior?