



PRIMARY SCRIPTURES

Thus says the Lord:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.

2 Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it
fast,
who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from
doing any evil.”

3 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say,
“The Lord will surely separate me from his people”; and let not the
eunuch say, “Behold, I am a dry tree.”

4 For thus says the Lord: “To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant,

5 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 shall not be cut off.

6 “And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister
to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not
profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

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 be accepted on my
altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

8 The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

Isaiah 56:1-8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) How was prayer practiced or modeled (if at all) in your childhood?
- 2) Read Isaiah 56:1-8 and Luke 19:28-48. What was God’s intent for His people and His “house” in Isaiah? What were the reasons for Jesus’ righteous anger in Luke?
- 3) Read Acts 1:12-14. What does “one accord” mean in this passage and why are women and Jesus’ family mentioned as being present with the disciples?
- 4) Read Acts 2:42-47. Why is corporate prayer such an important aspect of worship?
- 5) Read Acts 4:23-31. What did the early church ask together from God in the face of severe persecution? (Acts 4:29-30)
- 6) What would you love to see God do in our church, your family, and your life as a result of intentional prayer?

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