

# **False & True Worship**

**Isaiah 58:1-14**



# Movement 1 (Isaiah 58:1-5)

## **FALSE WORSHIP EXPOSED**

**“God is not fooled by religious activity that hides an unchanged heart.”**



# False Worship Exposed

**1**“Cry loudly, do not hold back;  
Raise your voice like a trumpet,  
And declare to My people their  
wrongdoing,  
And to the house of Jacob their  
sins.

**Isaiah 58:1 (NASB)**



# False Worship Exposed

**2 Yet they seek Me day by day and  
delight to know My ways,**

**As a nation that has done righteousness  
And has not forsaken the ordinance of  
their God.**

**They ask Me for just decisions,**

**They delight in the nearness of God.**

**Isaiah 58:2 (NASB)**



# False Worship Exposed

**3a 'Why have we fasted and You do not see?**

**Why have we humbled ourselves and You do not notice?'**

**Isaiah 58:3a (NASB)**



# False Worship Exposed

**3b Behold, on the day of your fast you find your desire,**

**And oppress all your workers.**

**4 Behold, you fast for contention and strife, and to strike with a wicked fist.**

**You do not fast like you have done today to make your voice heard on high!**

**Isaiah 58:3b-4 (NASB)**



# False Worship Exposed

**5 Is it a fast like this that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself?**

**Is it for bowing one's head like a reed**

**And for spreading out sackcloth and ashes as a bed?**

**Will you call this a fast, even an acceptable day to the Lord?**

**Isaiah 58:5 (NASB)**



# Movement 2 (Isaiah 58:6-12)

## *TRUE WORSHIP DEFINED*

**“God is not impressed by religious show. He wants truth in the inward parts. Now He tells us what true worship really looks like.”**



# True Worship Defined

**6 Is this not the fast that I choose:  
To release the bonds of wickedness,  
To undo the ropes of the yoke,  
And to let the oppressed go free,  
And break every yoke?**

**Isaiah 58:6 (NASB)**



# True Worship Defined

**7 Is it not to break your bread with the hungry**

**And bring the homeless poor into the house;**

**When you see the naked, to cover him;**

**And not to hide yourself from your own flesh?**

**Isaiah 58:7 (NASB)**



# True Worship Defined

**8 Then your light will break out like the dawn,**

**And your recovery will spring up quickly;**

**And your righteousness will go before you;**

**The glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.**

**Isaiah 58:8 (NASB)**



# True Worship Defined

**9a Then you will call, and the Lord  
will answer;**

**You will cry for help, and He will  
say, 'Here I am.'**

**Isaiah 58:9a (NASB)**



# True Worship Defined

**9b If you remove the yoke from your midst,**

**The pointing of the finger and speaking wickedness,**

**10 And if you offer yourself to the hungry  
And satisfy the need of the afflicted,  
Then your light will rise in darkness,  
And your gloom will become like midday.**

**Isaiah 58:9b-10 (NASB)**



# True Worship Defined

**11 And the Lord will continually guide  
you,  
And satisfy your desire in scorched  
places,  
And give strength to your bones;  
And you will be like a watered garden,  
And like a spring of water whose  
waters do not fail.**

**Isaiah 58:11 (NASB)**



# True Worship Defined

**12 Those from among you will rebuild  
the ancient ruins;**

**You will raise up the age-old  
foundations;**

**And you will be called the repairer of  
the breach,**

**The restorer of the streets in which to  
dwell.**

**Isaiah 58:12 (NASB)**



# MOVEMENT 3 (Isaiah 58:13-14)

## TRUE WORSHIP DELIGHTED IN

“If Movement 2 shows us the hands of true worship, Movement 3 shows us the heart of true worship.”



# True Worship Delighted In

**13 "If, because of the Sabbath, you  
restrain your foot**

**From doing as you wish on My holy day,**

**And call the Sabbath a pleasure, and  
the holy day of the Lord honorable,**

**And honor it, desisting from your own  
ways,**

**From seeking your own pleasure**

**And speaking your own word,**

**Isaiah 58:13 (NASB)**



# True Worship Delighted In

**14 Then you will take delight in the Lord,**

**And I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;**

**And I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father,**

**For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”**

**Isaiah 58:14 (NASB)**



# The Gospel Connection

