

The Gospel According to Isaiah



Isaiah 56-57
The Transforming Nature of God's Salvation

The *Saved* Described



- ❧ They will pursue obedience (56:1)
- ❧ They will be faithful to worship and avoid evil (v2)
- ❧ They include outcasts
 - ❧ Who should no longer feel separated (v3)
 - ❧ Example #1 – Eunuchs
 - ❧ *Will possess new character (v4)*
 - ❧ *Will be given an inheritance far exceeding the best of earthly life (v5)*
 - ❧ Example #2 – Foreigners
 - ❧ *Will likewise possess new character (v6)*
 - ❧ *Will be fully accepted and brought near to God's presence and His people (vv7-8)*

The *Wicked* Described



❧ Concerning false leaders

❧ They lack ability (vv9-10a)

❧ They lack character

❧ *They are lazy, distracted, and lovers of self (v10b)*

❧ *They have unbridled desire that is never satisfied (vv11-12)*

❧ *They don't even care about the death of the righteous (57:1-2)*

The *Wicked* Described



- ❧ Concerning the rest of the wicked
 - ❧ They are evil in character (57:3)
 - ❧ They mock the righteous (v4a)
 - ❧ They are gross and proud idolaters (vv4b-8a)
 - ❧ They are spiritual prostitutes (v8b)
 - ❧ They go to great lengths in pursuing their idols (vv9-10)
 - ❧ They don't remember or give God a serious thought (v11)
 - ❧ No defense will come to their aid (vv12-13a)

In contrast, the redeemed will enjoy an inheritance and God's holy presence (v13b)

The *Saved* Described (cont'd)



- ☞ They will pursue obedience (56:1)
- ☞ They will be faithful to worship and avoid evil (v2)
- ☞ They include outcasts (vv3-8)
- ☞ God is preparing their path (57:14)
- ☞ They will come with a crushed and humble spirit but will be revived (v15)
- ☞ They will be forgiven and shown mercy (vv16-18a)
- ☞ They will be comforted and given peace (vv18b-19)

*In contrast, the wicked will continue in their gross sin
and never find rest or peace (vv20-21)*

The Transforming Nature of God's Salvation

The Wicked Characterized By

- ❧ Evil character
- ❧ Lazy, distracted, lovers of self
- ❧ Unbridled and unquenchable desires
- ❧ Care less about the righteous
- ❧ Mock the righteous
- ❧ Worship other things
- ❧ Are spiritual prostitutes
- ❧ Go to great lengths in pursuing their idols
- ❧ Don't give God a serious thought

The wicked will continue in gross sin
and never find rest or peace

The Saved Characterized By

- ❧ Pursuit of obedience
- ❧ Faithful to worship and avoiding evil
- ❧ Fully accepted, regardless of background
- ❧ Possess new character
- ❧ Revived spirit
- ❧ Given an inheritance far exceeding the best of earthly life
- ❧ Experience God's forgiveness and mercy
- ❧ Are comforted and given peace

The redeemed will enjoy an inheritance
and God's holy presence