

Isaiah Week 34

ISAIAH

THE FIFTH GOSPEL



Isaiah 57: 13 (NIV)

*When you cry out for help,
let your collection of idols save
you!*

*The wind will carry all of them off,
a mere breath will blow them
away. But whoever takes refuge in
me will inherit the land
and possess my holy mountain.”*

Isaiah 57: 14 (NIV)

And it will be said:

*“Build up, build up, prepare the
road!*

*Remove the obstacles out of the
way of my people.”*

Isaiah 57: 15 (NIV)

*For this is what the high and exalted
One says — he who lives forever,
whose name is holy: “I live in a high
and holy place, but also with the one
who is contrite and lowly in spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly
and to revive the heart of the
contrite.*

Isaiah 57: 15 (NLT)

The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: "I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.

Isaiah 57: 16 (NIV)

*I will not accuse them forever,
nor will I always be angry,
for then they would faint away
because of me –
the very people I have created.*

Isaiah 57: 17 (NIV)

*I was enraged by their sinful greed;
I punished them, and hid my
face in anger,
yet they kept on in their willful
ways.*

Isaiah 57: 18-19 (NIV)

*I have seen their ways, but I will
heal them;*

*I will guide them and restore
comfort to Israel's mourners,
creating praise on their lips.*

**Peace, peace, to those far and
near,**” says the Lord. “And I will
heal them.”

Isaiah 57: 20-21 (NIV)

*But the wicked are like the
tossing sea,
which cannot rest,
whose waves cast up mire and
mud.*

*“There is no peace,” says my
God, “for the wicked.”*

Question

What does a prophet or
preacher do?

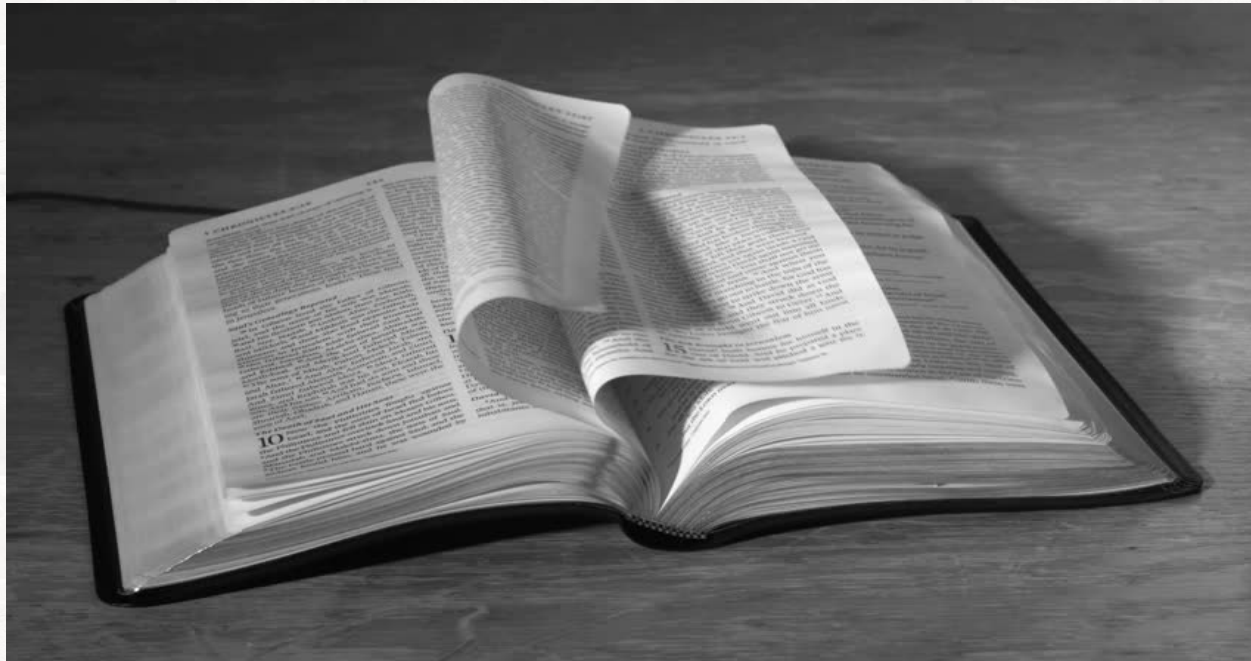
Isaiah 58: 1 (NIV)

*“Shout it aloud, do not hold back.
Raise your voice like a trumpet.
Declare to my people their
rebellion
and to the descendants of Jacob
their sins.”*

Question

What do people want to hear from a prophet or preacher?

Please turn to:
2 Timothy 4: 3



2 Timothy 4: 3 (NIV)

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

Isaiah 58: 2 (NIV)

For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.

Isaiah 58: 3a (NIV)

*‘Why have we fasted,’ they say,
‘and you have not seen it?
Why have we humbled ourselves,
and you have not noticed?’*

Question

What would cause God to
not notice your fasting,
prayers or acts of worship?

Isaiah 58: 3b (NIV)

*“Yet on the day of your fasting, you
do as you please
and exploit all your workers.*

Isaiah 58: 4 (NIV)

*Your fasting ends in quarreling and
strife, and in striking each other
with wicked fists.*

*You cannot fast as you do today
and expect your voice to be
heard on high.*

Isaiah 58: 5 (NIV)

*Is this the kind of fast I have chosen,
only a day for people to humble
themselves?*

*Is it only for bowing one's head
like a reed and for lying in sackcloth
and ashes?*

*Is that what you call a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?*

Question

Do we see people today just
humbling themselves for
only a day?

Isaiah 58: 6 (NIV)

*“Is not this the kind of fasting I
have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?”*

Isaiah 58: 7 (NIV)

*Is it not to share your food with the
hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer
with shelter –
when you see the naked, to clothe
them,
and not to turn away from your
own flesh and blood?*

Isaiah 58: 8 (NIV)

*Then your light will break forth like
the dawn,
and your healing will quickly
appear;
then your righteousness will go
before you,
and the glory of the Lord will be
your rear guard.*

Isaiah 58: 9 (NIV)

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

*you will cry for help, and he will
say: Here am I.*

*“If you do away with the yoke of
oppression,
with the pointing finger and
malicious talk,*

Isaiah 58: 10 (NIV)

*and if you spend yourselves in
behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the
oppressed,
then your light will rise in the
darkness,
and your night will become like
the noonday.*

Isaiah 58: 11 (NIV)

*The Lord will guide you always;
he will satisfy your needs in a
sun-scorched land
and will strengthen your frame.
You will be like a well-watered
garden,
like a spring whose waters never
fail.*

Isaiah 58: 12 (NIV)

*Your people will rebuild the ancient
ruins and will raise up the age-old
foundations;*

*you will be called Repairer of Broken
Walls, Restorer of Streets with
Dwellings.*

Isaiah 58: 13 (NIV)

“If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the Lord’s holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words,

Isaiah 58: 14 (NIV)

*then you will find your joy in the
Lord,*

*and I will cause you to ride in
triumph on the heights of the land
and to feast on the inheritance of
your father Jacob.”*

*For the mouth of the Lord has
spoken.*

Questions

Do I attend Church?
or
Am I part of Church?

Isaiah 59: 1 (NIV)

*Surely the arm of the Lord is not too
short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear.*

Questions

Why prevents God from saving
us or hear us?

Isaiah 59: 2 (NIV)

*But your iniquities have
separated you from your God;*

*your sins have hidden his face
from you, so that he will not hear.*

Isaiah 59: 3 (NIV)

For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt.

*Your lips have spoken falsely,
and your tongue mutters wicked things.*

Isaiah 59: 4 (NIV)

*No one calls for justice;
no one pleads a case with
integrity.*

*They rely on empty arguments, they
utter lies;
they conceive trouble and give
birth to evil.*

Isaiah 59: 5 (NIV)

*They hatch the eggs of vipers
and spin a spider's web.
Whoever eats their eggs will die,
and when one is broken, an adder
is hatched.*

Isaiah 59: 6 (NIV)

*Their cobwebs are useless for
clothing;
they cannot cover themselves
with what they make.
Their deeds are evil deeds,
and acts of violence are in their
hands.*

Isaiah 59: 7-8 (NIV)

Their feet rush into sin; they are
swift to shed innocent blood. They
pursue evil schemes; acts of violence
mark their ways. The way of peace
they do not know; there is no justice
in their paths. They have turned them
into crooked roads; no one who
walks along them will know
peace.

Isaiah 59: 9 (NIV)

*So justice is far from us,
and righteousness does not reach
us.*

*We look for light, but all is
darkness;
for brightness, but we walk in
deep shadows.*

Isaiah 59: 10 (NIV)

*Like the blind we grope along the
wall,*

*feeling our way like people
without eyes.*

*At midday we stumble as if it were
twilight;*

*among the strong, we are like the
dead.*

Isaiah 59: 11 (NIV)

*We all growl like bears;
we moan mournfully like doves.
We look for justice, but find
none; for deliverance, but it is
far away.*

Isaiah 59: 12 (NIV)

*For our offenses are many in your
sight,
and our sins testify against us.
Our offenses are ever with us,
and we acknowledge our
iniquities:*

Isaiah 59: 13 (NIV)

*rebellion and treachery against the
Lord,
turning our backs on our God,
inciting revolt and oppression,
uttering lies our hearts have
conceived.*

Question

What happens when a nation
turns it's back on God?

Isaiah 59: 14 (NIV)

*So justice is driven back,
and righteousness stands at a
distance;*

*truth has stumbled in the streets,
honesty cannot enter.*

Isaiah 59: 15 (NIV)

Truth is nowhere to be found,
and whoever shuns evil
becomes a prey.

*The Lord looked and was displeased
that there was no justice.*

Question

What happens when a nation
turns it's back on God?

A Nation that has Turned their back to God

1. justice is driven back
2. righteousness stands at a distance
3. truth has stumbled in the streets
4. honesty cannot enter.
5. truth is nowhere to be found,
6. whoever shuns evil becomes a prey

Question

Do we see any of these indicators in our nation today?

Isaiah 59: 16 (NIV)

*He saw that there was no one,
he was appalled that there was no
one to intervene;
so his own arm achieved salvation
for him,
and his own righteousness
sustained him.*

Isaiah 59: 17 (NIV)

*He put on righteousness as his
breastplate,
and the helmet of salvation on his
head;*

*he put on the garments of vengeance
and wrapped himself in zeal as in
a cloak.*

Isaiah 59: 18 (NIV)

*According to what they have done,
so will he repay
wrath to his enemies
and retribution to his foes;
he will repay the islands their
due.*

Isaiah 59: 19 (NIV)

*From the west, people will fear the
name of the Lord,
and from the rising of the sun,
they will revere his glory.*

*For he will come like a pent-up
flood that the breath of the Lord
drives along.*

God is telling us through
Isaiah what the world will be
like when Christ returns to
unleash judgment in the end!

Question

What will the world be like
in the end?

The End Condition

1. justice is driven back
2. righteousness stands at a distance
3. truth has stumbled in the streets
4. honesty cannot enter.
5. truth is nowhere to be found,
6. whoever shuns evil becomes a prey

Isaiah 59: 20 (NIV)

*“The Redeemer will come to Zion,
to those in Jacob who repent of
their sins,”
declares the Lord.*

Isaiah 59: 21 (NIV)

“As for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the Lord. “My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants — from this time on and forever,” says the Lord.

Question

How should we live in a world that has turned their back on God?

Isaiah 60: 1-2 (NIV)

*“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon
you.*

*See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the
peoples, but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.*

Isaiah 60: 3-4 (NIV)

*Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your
dawn.*

*“Lift up your eyes and look about
you: All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on
the hip.*

Isaiah 60: 5 (NIV)

*Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell
with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought
to you,
to you the riches of the nations will
come.*

Isaiah 60: 6 (NIV)

*Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and
Ephah.*

*And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the
Lord.*

Isaiah 60: 8 (NIV)

*All Kedar's flocks will be gathered to
you,
the rams of Nebaioth will serve
you;
they will be accepted as offerings on
my altar,
and I will adorn my glorious
temple.*

Isaiah 60: 8 (NIV)

*“Who are these that fly along like
clouds,
like doves to their nests?”*

Isaiah 60: 9 (NIV)

*Surely the islands look to me;
in the lead are the ships of
Tarshish, bringing your children from
afar, with their silver and gold,
to the honor of the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with
splendor.*

Isaiah 60: 10 (NIV)

*“Foreigners will rebuild your walls,
and their kings will serve you.
Though in anger I struck you,
in favor I will show you
compassion.*

Isaiah 60: 11 (NIV)

*Your gates will always stand open,
they will never be shut, day or
night,
so that people may bring you the
wealth of the nations –
their kings led in triumphal
procession.*

Isaiah 60: 12-13 (NIV)

*For the nation or kingdom that will
not serve you will perish;
it will be utterly ruined. “The glory
of Lebanon will come to you,
the juniper, the fir and the cypress
together, to adorn my sanctuary;
and I will glorify the place for my
feet.*

Isaiah 60: 14 (NIV)

*The children of your oppressors will
come bowing before you;
all who despise you will bow down
at your feet
and will call you the City of the Lord,
Zion of the Holy One of Israel.*

Isaiah 60: 15 (NIV)

*“Although you have been forsaken
and hated,
with no one traveling through,
I will make you the everlasting pride
and the joy of all generations.*

Isaiah 60: 16 (NIV)

*You will drink the milk of nations
and be nursed at royal breasts.
Then you will know that I, the Lord,
am your Savior,
your Redeemer, the Mighty One of
Jacob.*

Isaiah 60: 17 (NIV)

*Instead of bronze I will bring you
gold,
and silver in place of iron.
Instead of wood I will bring you
bronze,
and iron in place of stones.
I will make peace your governor
and well-being your ruler.*

Isaiah 60: 18 (NIV)

*No longer will violence be heard
in your land,*

*nor ruin or destruction within
your borders,*

*but you will call your walls Salvation
and your gates Praise.*

Isaiah 60: 19 (NIV)

*The sun will no more be your light by
day,
nor will the brightness of the moon
shine on you,
for the Lord will be your everlasting
light,
and your God will be your glory.*

Isaiah 60: 20 (NIV)

*Your sun will never set again,
and your moon will wane no more;
the Lord will be your everlasting
light,
and your days of sorrow will end.*

Isaiah 60: 21 (NIV)

*Then all your people will be righteous
and they will possess the land
forever.*

*They are the shoot I have planted,
the work of my hands,
for the display of my splendor.*

Isaiah 60: 22 (NIV)

*The least of you will become a
thousand,
the smallest a mighty nation.*

*I am the Lord;
in its time I will do this swiftly."*

Question

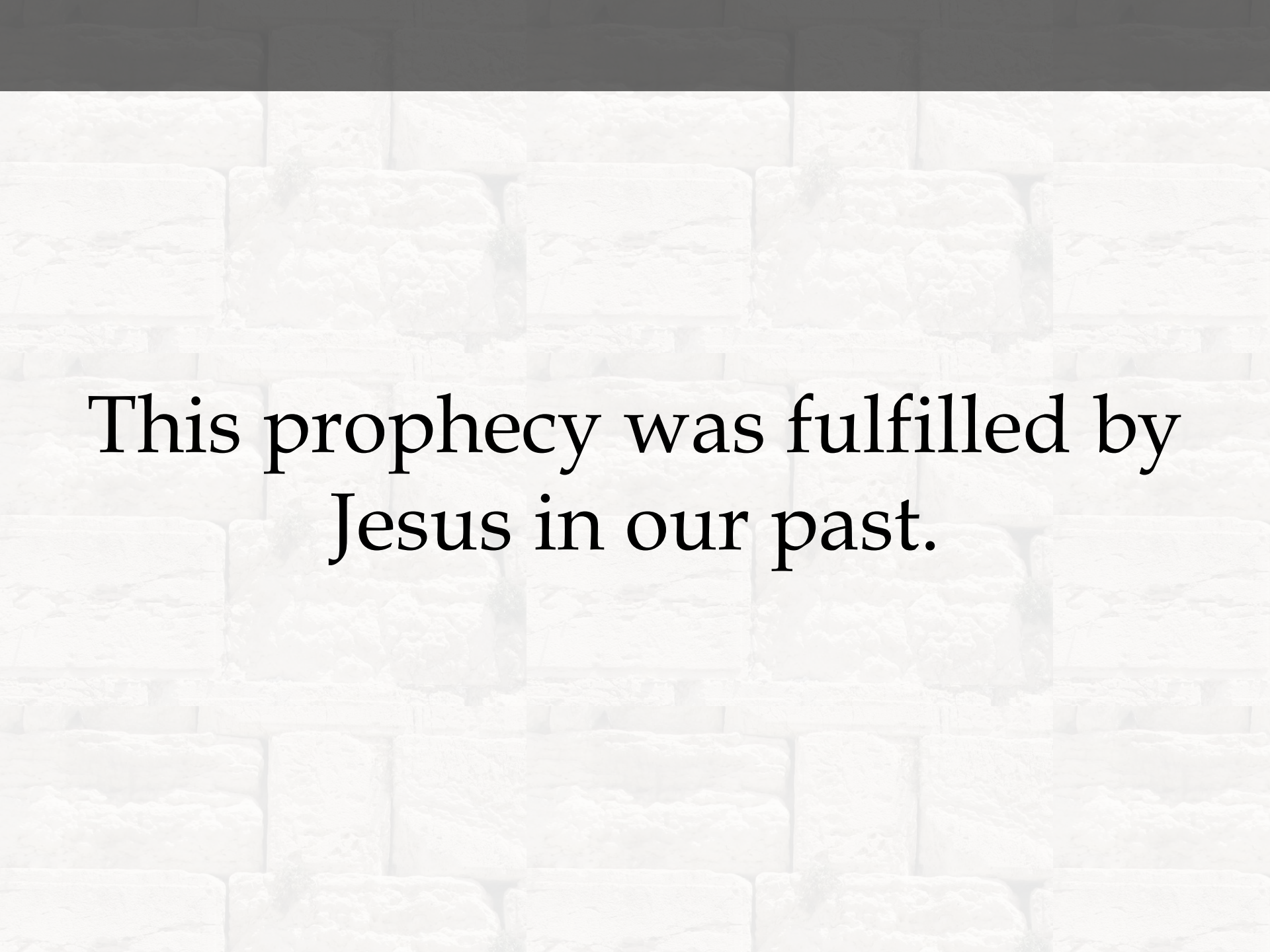
How quickly are things changing?

Isaiah 61: 1 (NIV)

*The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on
me, because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the
brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the
prisoners*

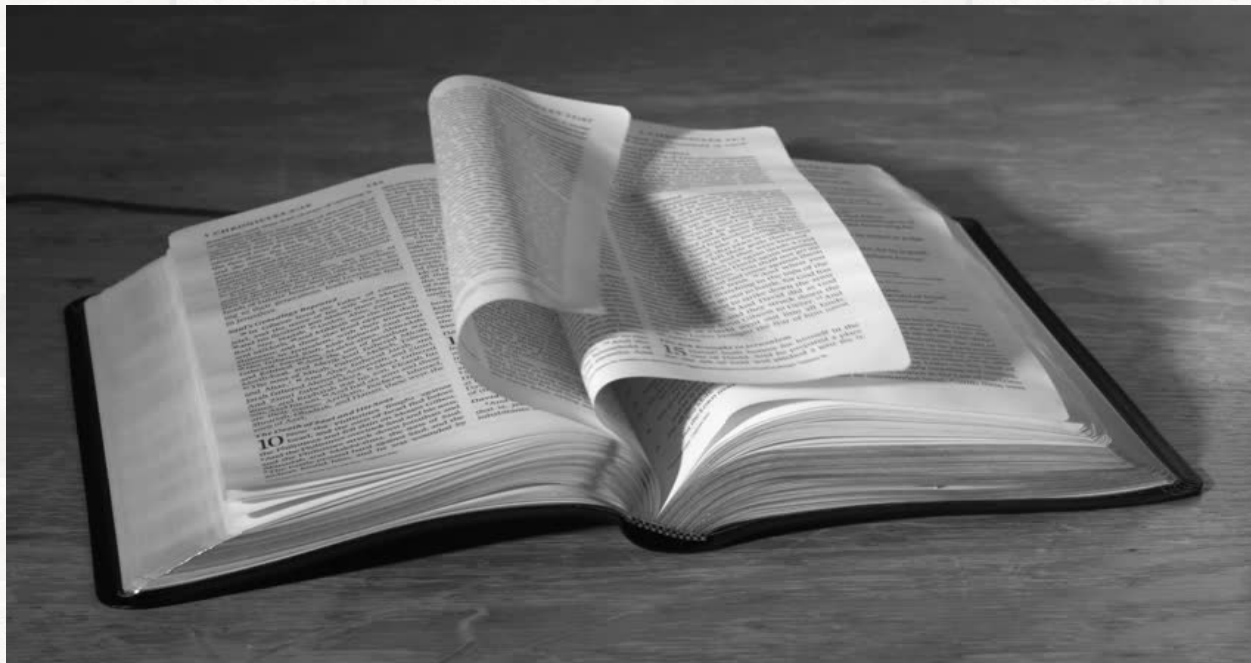
Isaiah 61: 2a (NIV)

*to proclaim the year of the Lord's
favor*



This prophecy was fulfilled by
Jesus in our past.

Please turn to:
Luke 4: 16-20



Luke 4: 16-20 (NIV)

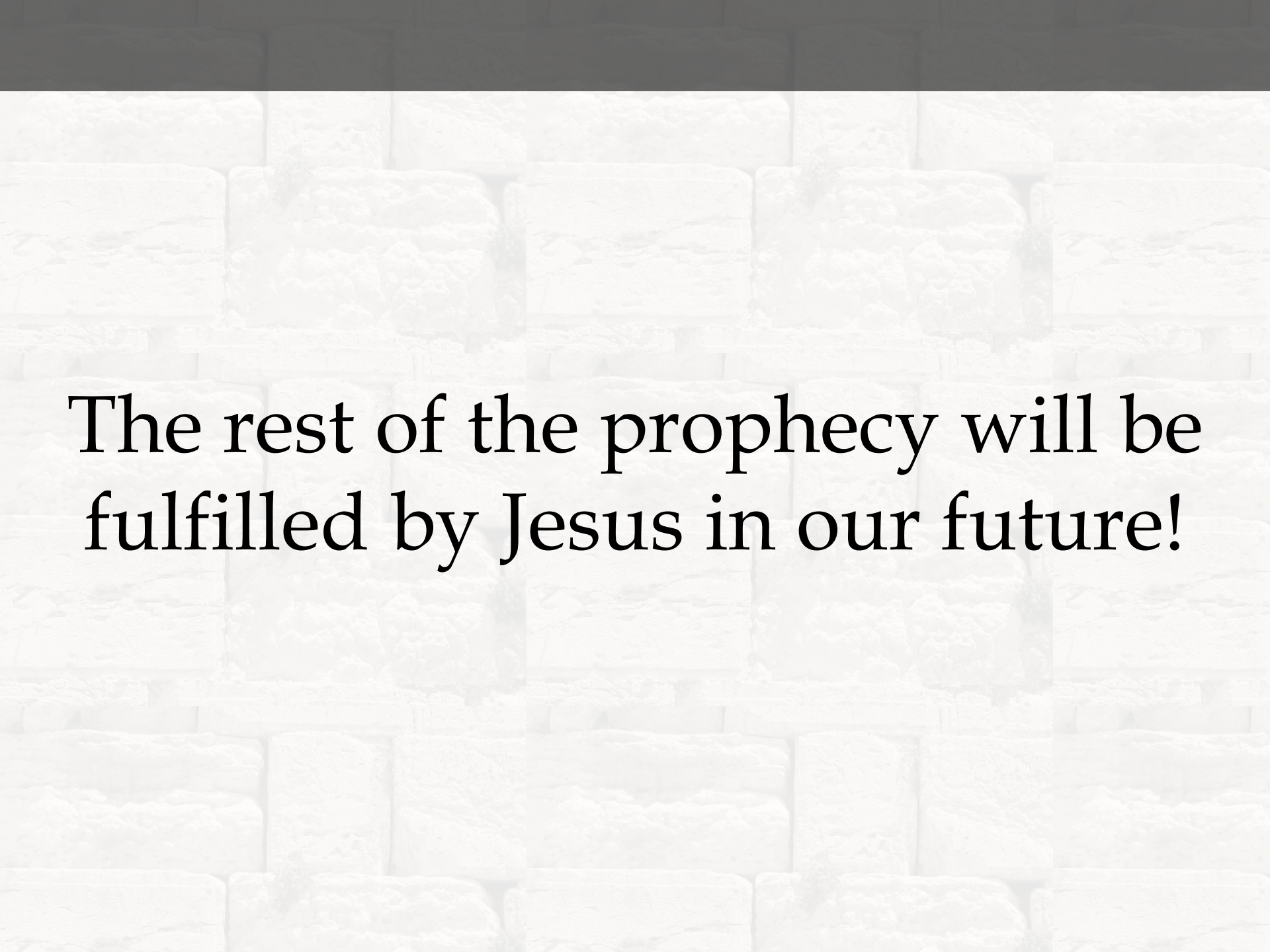
He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

Luke 4: 16-20 (NIV)

*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom
for the prisoners and recovery of sight
for the blind, to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s
favor.”*

Luke 4: 16-20 (NIV)

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."



The rest of the prophecy will be
fulfilled by Jesus in our future!

Isaiah 61: 2b (NIV)

*and the day of vengeance of our
God,*
to comfort all who mourn,

Question

Does the condition of the world today cause you to mourn and grieve and feel despair?

Isaiah 61: 3 (NIV)

and provide for those who grieve in Zion – to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

Isaiah 61: 4 (NIV)

*They will rebuild the ancient ruins
and restore the places long
devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities
that have been devastated for
generations.*

Isaiah 61: 5-6 (NIV)

*Strangers will shepherd your flocks;
foreigners will work your fields and
vineyards. And you will be called
priests of the Lord, you will be named
ministers of our God.*

*You will feed on the wealth of
nations, and in their riches you will
boast.*

Isaiah 61: 7 (NIV)

*Instead of your shame
you will receive a double portion,
and instead of disgrace
you will rejoice in your
inheritance.*

*And so you will inherit a double
portion in your land,
and everlasting joy will be yours.*

Isaiah 61: 8 (NIV)

*“For I, the Lord, love justice;
I hate robbery and wrongdoing.
In my faithfulness I will reward my
people and make an everlasting
covenant with them.*

Isaiah 61: 9 (NIV)

*Their descendants will be known
among the nations
and their offspring among the
peoples.*

*All who see them will acknowledge
that they are a people the Lord has
blessed.”*

Isaiah 61: 10 (NIV)

*I delight greatly in the Lord;
my soul rejoices in my God.*

*For he has clothed me with garments
of salvation and arrayed me in a robe
of his righteousness, as a bridegroom
adorns his head like a priest, and as a
bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

Isaiah 61: 11 (NIV)

*For as the soil makes the sprout come
up and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign Lord will make
righteousness
and praise spring up before all
nations.*