

Isaiah 59
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Crooked roads (1-8)

Surely God is able (Jude 23) – ***Why would we not turn to God for help?***

Separated from God – the result of sin (I John 1:5-9) – ***We must not continue in sin.***

Stained with blood (James 5:4-6) – ***Sin leads to death, in ourselves and in others.***

Speaking lies (John 8:44) – ***When we lie, we are doing Satan's work.***

Swift to sin (Romans 3:15-18) – ***the further we are from God the faster we turn to sin.***

Seeking a crooked path (Jeremiah 6:16) – ***may we choose the path God has for us***
(Hebrews 12:1-2)

Confessing who we truly are (9-15) – ***(Genesis 3:19 / Job 25:5-6) – dust & maggots***

Righteousness and justice are far from us – ***our righteousness verses His***
(Isaiah 64:6 / Philippians 3:8-9)

Shadows and darkness define our paths (I John 2:9-10) – ***God is love & light***

Stumbling because of our blindness – ***sin blinds, Satan's work (II Cor. 4:4)***

Sins abound testifying against us (Jeremiah 8:7-12) – ***We need His mercy!***

Rebellion and treachery define us (I Samuel 15:23) – ***our culture loves rebels***

Truth is nowhere to be found (Amos 8:11-12) – ***wickedness suppresses truth***

True justice is absent, bringing displeasure to our LORD (Lev. 19:36/Pr. 20:10)

There is no favoritism with God (James 2:9)

Covenant of Promise (16-21) – ***our hope is based on His promise (Malachi 3:6)***

He alone worked salvation (Acts 4:12) – ***no one else could (Galatians 2:21)***

He put on righteousness (Ephesians 6:14 / Romans 13:14) – ***we must put on Christ!***

He will repay His enemies (Romans 12:17-21) – ***vengeance is not our job (I Peter 2:23)***

He will make His name known (Philippians 2:9-11) – ***every tongue will confess***

He will come to Zion – to those who repent (I Thessalonians 1:9-10) – ***turn to God***

Discussion questions for Isaiah 59

What is the only path to keep us from sin? Describe how and why? (Ephesians 4:1-2, 22-24 / Hebrews 3:12-13 / Galatians 5:16-18; 6:7-8 / I John 3:1-3) ***We need to respond to the love God has shown to us. We must recognize our calling as His children. (II Corinthians 5:14-15) We need to die to ourselves daily, be changed and renewed in our thought processes, and clothe ourselves with His righteousness. (allowing His Spirit to have His way in us) We need to encourage one another, meeting together in fellowship. We must walk in the Spirit and turn from satisfying our fleshly desires. We need to know who we are in Christ, being ready to see Him face to face.***

Why is it important for us to acknowledge who we truly are? (Jeremiah 17:9-10 / Isaiah 64:6 / Romans 7:18, 24 / John 15:5 / James 1:13-18, 21) ***If we do not recognize the sinfulness of our own hearts, we will attempt to face life's battles in our own strength. If we do not recognize that sin comes from within, we will cast the blame for our sinful actions on others or on our circumstances. If we do not recognize the depravity of our own hearts, we will not daily seek the help that can lead us to victory over sin, that is, our Lord and Savior Jesus and the indwelling Holy Spirit.***

Describe the path that leads away from the truth. (Romans 1:21-24 / Ephesians 4:17-21 / Proverbs 2:1-15) ***It begins by not acknowledging our God and not being grateful for the things He has given us. We make ourselves to be sovereign over our lives which leads to foolish and darkened thinking resulting in a depraved mind. Once we travel the path of sin we are never satisfied, leading us down a path further and further from the truth. If we do not seek God and learn what it is to fear Him, we will never find the source of wisdom, knowledge, and truth.***

What has God promised us and why are His promises our only hope? (John 3:16; 5:24; 14:1-3 / Romans 8:26-29 / I Corinthians 15:58 / Ephesians 1:13-14 / Philippians 1:6 / I Thessalonians 4:16-17; 5:9 / Hebrews 13:5 / II Peter 1:3-4) ***Eternal life, His power to keep us and change us to be made like His son, that His Spirit intercedes for us, that He can work all things for our good, that He is preparing a place for us, that He will return and take us to be with Him forever, that He is always with us, and that He has given us everything we need to live for Him. None of the things listed above could be accomplished on our own. He is our blessed hope!***

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