

Maintain Justice and Do What Is Right

Here's another directive/ commandment from the Lord, handed down via the Major Prophet Isaiah:

Isaiah 56 (NIV)

Salvation for Others

This is what the LORD says:

“Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

² Blessed is the one who does this—
the person who holds it fast,
who keeps the Sabbath without desecrating it,
and keeps their hands from doing any evil.”

³ Let no foreigner who is bound to the LORD say,
“The LORD will surely exclude me from his people.”
And let no eunuch complain,
“I am only a dry tree.”

⁴ For this is what the LORD says:

“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
who choose what pleases me
and hold fast to my covenant—
⁵ to them I will give within my temple and its walls
a memorial and a name
better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name
that will endure forever.

⁶ And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD
to minister to him,
to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.”

⁸ The Sovereign LORD declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
“I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered.”

God's Accusation Against the Wicked

⁹ Come, all you beasts of the field,
 come and devour, all you beasts of the forest!
¹⁰ Israel's watchmen are blind,
 they all lack knowledge;
they are all mute dogs,
 they cannot bark;
they lie around and dream,
 they love to sleep.
¹¹ They are dogs with mighty appetites;
 they never have enough.
They are shepherds who lack understanding;
 they all turn to their own way,
 they seek their own gain.
¹² "Come," each one cries, "let me get wine!
 Let us drink our fill of beer!
And tomorrow will be like today,
 or even far better."

This is simplicity at its best. If we remember nothing of the rest of the chapter, the very first two lines are what matter. The rest of the scripture is built on them.

I hope you have an amazing day!!

- Jack