

Sin, Forgiveness & Drawing near to God  
Isaiah 59:1-3  
(Isaiah 59 & 62)  
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn about sin, forgiveness and drawing near to God.

Introduction

I. The Wall of Separation (Ch.59)

A. Sin

1. Jehovah's charge against the people (v.1-8)

- a. God is able to save man, strength and knowledge does not prevent Him from doing such, their sin is what is hinder them (v.1-3)
- b. No one does good, no one wants truth, instead they trust in and call out for empty words and lies (v.4)
- c. (v.5-6) nothing they do brings good, they only work evil
- d. (v.7-8) These only do evil and do not know the way of peace.

2. A confession of wickedness (v.9-15a)

- a. As a result of their wicked acts (v.9-11), they blinded look for a way out but there is none, they move like the blind because of their wicked deeds, salvation is beyond their reach.
- b. They admit their wicked deeds (v.12-13).
- c. (v.14-15a) All that is good stands afar off from them.
  - i. The person who departs from evil is preyed upon by those he once associated with (v.15a)

B. Jehovah's Response (v.15b-21)

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- a. The Lord was aware of their condition (v.15b)
- b. He know what they need.

2. (v.16-19) No intercessor was found for man.

- a. (v.16-18) As a result God would act personally, He would prepare to wage war against wickedness, He would punish according to their deeds.
- b. (v.19) The Lord would face and overcome ever foe (workers of iniquity) not matter their number.
- c. (v.20) – The "Redeemer" here is a reference to the coming Messiah, Christ.

3. (v.21) – This verse is referencing the words given to Christ. The spirit of God being given to Him.

II. Drawing near to God (Ch.62)

A. A New Name (v.1-5)

1. God will not withhold peace from them, but will call them by a new name (v.1-2)
2. The redeemed will be a crown of glory, they will no longer will be called Forsaken but God will delight in them (v.3-4), they will be married to God (v.5)

B. The Watchman (v.6-9)

1. (v.6-7) These watchman are Apostles, Evangelist, teachers, whose work is perfecting the saints (Eph 4:11-12)
2. (v.8-9) Because God is no longer angry with them He will not give their goods to their enemies.
  - a. The raised hand signifies an oath being given.

C. Path to Salvation (v.10-12)

1. The way of the people, the path is to cleared and a banner is to be raised (v.10).
2. (v.11) The prophet is looking to the time when the glory of Zion will be complete through the Savior; then God's reward to the people will be a dwelling place in His presence, the wages for their waiting and labor (Isa 40:10)
3. (v.12) They will be recognized as a people separate from all others because their redemption is of Jehovah, not man.

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Sin has and always will separate man from God.

1. The Father says what separates us from Him, man has to act to remove this wall.
2. Man will never be with God if sin is what he loves.

B. Repentance, Mercy and the Love of God will always solve man's sin problem.

1. Repentance, Mercy and God's love is what makes man clean and whole.
2. Godly sorrow that leads to repentance and obedience is what will bring the things to man.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Are you allowing sin to separate you from God?
2. Do you want to remove it, are you ready to truly draw near to God through obedience?
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9