

When Truth Stumbles (Isaiah 59)

Statement: “There is a remarkable contrast between Jesus, who is the truth and speaks the truth, and the world which is opposed to the truth. The powers of the world—led by Satan—are opposed to God and His followers (Eph. 6:10-17). The things of the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one’s possessions—do not come from God (1 John 2:15-17). The people in the world—those who are perishing—are blind to the truth of the gospel (2 Cor. 4:3-6). Therefore, Christians are called to live the truth and share the truth by resisting the powers of the world, rejecting the things of the world, and proclaiming Jesus to the world.”

Key Verses: Isaiah 59:14-15 New Living Translation

**¹⁴Our courts oppose the righteous,
and justice is nowhere to be found.**

**Truth stumbles in the streets,
and honesty has been outlawed.**

**¹⁵Yes, truth is gone,
and anyone who renounces evil is attacked.**

**The Lord looked and was displeased
to find there was no justice.**

- I. The Reality of Sin’s Separation (vv. 1–8) • God’s power is not the problem (v. 1) • Sin builds a wall between us and God (v. 2) • Sin corrupts both individuals and society (vv. 3–8) Discussion Questions:- What are some modern examples of people blaming God for distance when the real problem is sin?- How do verses 3–8 describe sin affecting both personal life and community life?- Where do you see the 'way of peace' missing in our world today?

- II. II. The Confession of Guilt (vv. 9–15a) • Darkness and stumbling without God’s truth (vv. 9–11) • Truth and righteousness are missing (vv. 12–15a) • Those who try to do right often suffer for it (v. 15a) Discussion Questions:- How do the images