

Sunday Sermon | Calvary Chapel Waterford
Isaiah 57-58 Sermon Outline Pastor Tom Zimbelman

Theme: Real. Not Ritual

1. God Exposes Idolatry and False Righteousness Isaiah 57:1-13

- *The righteous are taken away while the nation remains spiritually indifferent*
- *God indicts Judah for spiritual adultery, child sacrifice, and covenant betrayal*
- *Idols are exposed as powerless, while trust in the Lord alone brings inheritance*

2. God Invites the Humble into Peace and Healing Isaiah 57:14-21

- *The Lord removes obstacles and makes a way for His repentant people*
- *The Holy One dwells with the contrite to revive and heal*
- *Peace is promised to the repentant, while unrest defines the wicked*

3. God Redefines True Worship and Obedience Isaiah 58:1-14

- *God commands exposure of sin beneath outward religious devotion*
- *Fasting without repentance and justice is rejected*
- *Obedient hearts receive restoration, guidance, and covenant blessing*

Scripture Cross References

Isaiah 57-58

Psalm 116:15: *“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.”*

1 John 1:6: *“If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.”*

1 John 2:4: *“He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”*

Romans 2:4: *“...do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?”*

Philippians 4:11–13: *“...I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content... I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”*

1 Timothy 6:6–10: *“Now godliness with contentment is great gain... But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare... and pierce themselves through with many sorrows.”*

Zechariah 7:5–7: *“...did you really fast for Me—for Me?... Should you not have obeyed the words which the Lord proclaimed through the former prophets?”*

1 Timothy 5:8: *“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”*

Proverbs 19:17: *“He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will pay back what he has given.”*

Matthew 25:40: *“...inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.”*

John 10:27: *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”*

John 18:37: *“...Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”*

Matthew 11:25: *“...You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.”*

Scripture Cross References

Isaiah 59

Proverbs 5:22: *“His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, And he is caught in the cords of his sin.”*

Isaiah 1:2: *“I have nourished and brought up children, And they have rebelled against Me;”*

1 John 1:8: *“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”*

1 John 2:4: *“He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”*

1 John 1:9: *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

1 Corinthians 2:2: *“For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.”*

1 Corinthians 2:14: *“But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”*

Romans 2:5–6: *“But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who ‘will render to each one according to his deeds’.”*

Romans 11:26: *“...all Israel will be saved, as it is written: ‘The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;’”*

Romans 11:27: *“For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.”*

Zechariah 12:10: *“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”*

Matthew 23:37–39: *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’”*