



Go for God!

The Book of ISAIAH

Chapters 57 – 60

> Chapter 57- “Rebuke & Blessing”

(v1-10) The unrighteous and idolaters rebuked!

(v11-13) Repent and trust in the LORD!

(v14-21) It is God who revives!

- **(v15) What does it mean to be CONTRITE?** – It is the kind of spirit, or heart, pleasing and acceptable to God (Ps 34:18; crushed, RSV, NIV, NEB, NASB; Ps 51:17). The person with a contrite spirit weeps over wrongdoing and expresses genuine sorrow for his sin (see also Matt 5:4; Luke 6:21; 2 Cor 7:10).

- **(v19) Understanding the PEACE of GOD:** The Old Testament meaning of peace was completeness, soundness, and well-being of the total person. This peace was considered God-given, obtained by following the Law (Ps 119:165). Peace sometimes had a physical meaning, suggesting security (Ps 4:8), contentment (Isa 26:3), prosperity (Ps 122:6-7) and the absence of war (1 Sam 7:14). The traditional Jewish greeting, *shalom*, was a wish for peace.

In the New Testament, peace often refers to the inner tranquility and poise of the Christian whose trust is in God through Christ. This understanding was originally expressed in the Old Testament writings about the coming MESSIAH (Isa 9:6-7). **The peace that Jesus Christ spoke of was a combination of hope, trust, and quiet in the mind and soul, brought about by a reconciliation with God.** Such peace was proclaimed by the host of angels at Christ's birth (Luke 2:14), and by Christ Himself in His SERMON ON THE MOUNT (Matt 5:9) and during His ministry. He also taught about this kind of peace at the Lord's Supper, shortly before His death (John 14:27).

The apostle Paul later wrote that such peace and spiritual blessedness was a direct result of faith in Christ (Rom 5:1). (from Nelson's Bible Dictionary)

> Chapter 58 - “Tell My People!”

(v1-5) Religious hypocrisy- Matthew ch. 23

(v6-12) God’s true religion, help one another! - Matthew 25:31-46

(v13-14) Tell them about to delight in the worship of God!

> Chapter 59 - “Sin & The Savior”

(v1-8) A Nation’s Corruption

(v8- The “Way” of God has been traded for a highway of violence, paths of unrest, ruts of injustice, and trails of perversity!)

(v9-15) A Nation’s Confession

(v16-21) A Nation’s Consolation

> Chapter 60 - “The Glorious Kingdom Age!”

(v1-9) His glory will be seen

(v10-18) The Nations Brought Before Israel

(v19-22) The LORD . . . An Everlasting Light