

Isaiah 58

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Introduction: The Lord's rest is better than the Promised Land, better even than Eden. And He has given us a Day that makes this very point.

1. Fervent Religion

- a. Can look very good, v2
- b. But may still need a strong wake-up call, v1
- c. If it has a wicked view of God, v3-6
- d. And produces a reflection in the heart and life, v3b, 7, v9b

2. Fruitful Repentance

- a. A right view of God, v6
- b. Produces a reflection in the heart and life, v7, v10
- c. And spiritual life and strength, v8
- d. In a close relationship with the Lord, v9a, 11
- e. That makes a multigenerational difference, v12

3. Formative Rest

- a. A surprising if-then, v13-14
- b. Teaches us to delight, v14
- c. In a manner that rubs us the wrong way, v13b

Conclusion: But while our hearts catch up, we must trust His Word, v13a