

Show AND Tell
Incarnational Ministry – part 2

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Text: Isaiah 58:1-12; 1:13-17

Last week we were introduced to a passage from Isaiah. Let's go further today. Our "postmodern" world is tired of words – it wants *real*. Real is everything. Real is convincing.

Friends.... This sentiment is not new. God seeks this as well in those who call Him 'Lord.'

1. DIAGNOSIS – 58:2-3; 1:13-14 ² *Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God.* ³ *'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.'*

Diagnosis: P _____ THE G _____.

2. ASSESSMENT– 58:4-5; 1:15 ⁴ *Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high.* ⁵ *Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?"*

Assessment: CONDITION IS C _____.

3. PRESCRIPTION– 58:6-7; 1:16-17 ⁶ *"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?"* ⁷ *Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your*

house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Prescription: ACTS OF G _____.

Q. – Why?

- Good deeds genuinely b _____ o _____.
- Good deeds g _____ God.
- Good deeds v _____ the good news.
- Good deeds m _____ people toward Christ.
- Good deeds create g _____ with the city.

BUT.....!!!

4. PROGNOSIS (part one) – 58:8-10

Prognosis: H _____ & I _____

5. PROGNOSIS (part two) – 58:8-12 ⁸ *Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.* ⁹ *Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'* *If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,* ¹⁰ *if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.* ¹¹ *And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.* ¹² *And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in...."*

Prognosis: G _____ F _____