



The Rewards of the Repairer

Isaiah 58:11-12 (NKJV)

The Lord will guide you continually,

And satisfy your soul in drought,

And strengthen your bones;

You shall be like a watered garden,

And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

12 Those from among you

Shall build the old waste places;

You shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach,

The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

People all over the world are looking for a reward in everything that they do...

What's in it for me?

But the rewards that we gain in this world are only temporary...

But there is one thing that brings about a reward that will last for eternity!

Romans 6:22-23 (NKJV)

22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The rewards for living for God are too many to list!

But the reward of eternal life is after this life is over. What about while we are still here on Earth?

We do not live for God for the rewards. We live for God because we love Him, and we realize that He died for our sins.

And when you live for God the rewards or blessings come as a natural occurrence because God loves to bless His children.

I must let you know that God does not just pour out rewards upon everyone. There are some stipulations that He requires.

If you are like me, then you want to know, what is God desiring me to do? (Not just so I can receive a reward, but because I have a desire to please God)

That is why I want us to take a look at Isaiah 58

6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen?

God is telling us here that in this life, some sacrifices must be made...

Fasting is simply giving up something to please God.

What is it that God wants us to do? How does he want us to sacrifice?

...To loose the bonds of wickedness,

To undo the heavy burdens,

To let the oppressed go free,

And that you break every yoke?

7 *Is it* not to share your bread with the hungry,

And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out;

When you see the naked, that you cover him,

And not hide yourself from your own flesh?

This is what God is asking that we as Harvest Church, do for Him...

It's going to be a sacrifice.

It's going to take much prayer, fasting, time, effort, and energy.

But then God tells us this is what I will do for you, if you will do what I have asked you to.

8 Then your light shall break forth like the morning,

Your healing shall spring forth speedily,

And 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 extend your soul to the hungry

And satisfy the afflicted soul,

Then your light shall dawn in the darkness,

And your darkness shall *be* as the noonday.

11 The Lord will guide you continually,

And satisfy your soul in drought,

And strengthen your bones;

You shall be like a watered garden,

And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

God said that he wanted to make us like a spring of water... (Holy Ghost is parallel to water)

God said I will refresh you

Even in the drought

And the Spirit that I put in you will also refresh those around you

We need the Spirit...

Isaiah 58:12 (NKJV)

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Shall build the old waste places;

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God is looking for someone who is willing to repair and restore...