

Isaiah 59:1-21 **Hindrances to Relationship with God**

Separated from God by Sin

1 Behold, Yahweh (the Lord's) hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.

2 But your iniquities have separated you from Eloheykm (your God); And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

3 For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity.

4 No one calls for justice, Nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity.

5 They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the spider's web; He who eats of their eggs dies, And from that which is crushed a viper breaks out.

6 Their webs will not become garments, Nor will they cover themselves with their works; Their works are works of iniquity, And the act of violence is in their hands.

7 Their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed innocent blood; Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; Wasting and destruction are in their paths.

8 The way of peace they have not known, And there is no justice in their ways; They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace.

Result of Unrighteousness

9 Therefore justice is far from us, Nor does righteousness overtake us; We look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, but we walk in blackness!

10 We grope for the wall like the blind, And we grope as if we had no eyes; We stumble at noonday as at twilight; We are as dead men in desolate places.

11 We all growl like bears, And moan sadly like doves; We look for justice, but there is none; For salvation, but it is far from us.

Gloomy state of the people

12 For our transgressions are multiplied before You, And our sins testify against us; For our transgressions are with us, And as for our iniquities, we know them:

13 In transgressing and lying against Yahweh (the Lord), And departing from Eloheyynu (our God), Speaking oppression and revolt, Conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

14 Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter.

15 So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.

The Redeemer will come to Zion with Judgment

Then the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice.

16 He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him.

17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak.

18 According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries, Recompense to His

enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay.

19 So shall they fear The name of Yahweh (the Lord) from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of Yahweh (the Lord) will lift up a standard against him.

20 "The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says Yahweh (the Lord).

21 "As for Me," says Yahweh (the Lord), "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says Yahweh (the Lord), "from this time and forevermore."

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✧ When God does not hear our prayers, the problem is not in God but in the petitioner.

✧ God refuses to hear the selfish prayers of blatant sinners because He looks at their lives and hearts and knows their hands are defiled with blood and their fingers with sin, their mouth with lies and perversity. [\[Isaiah 59:2-3\]](#)

✧ Their hearts do not seek justice or truth, but they trust in philosophical arguments, speaking lies, conceiving evil they bring forth iniquity. [\[Isaiah 59:4\]](#)

✧ This reads so much like the political leaders and news casters of USA today.

✧ Their folly is well described in verses 5-8 leading them to destruction along with the country they represent which will be taken in the Wrath of God.

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✧ Righteousness truth and justice are the fatalities of a godless society.

✧ Wickedness rides high.

✧ Whoever repents is looked upon as evil and an enemy of the state.

The Redeemer will come to Zion with Judgment

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✧ Yahweh will step in and bring the judgments of the Great Tribulation against all evil.

✧ Evil will be purged from the earth at the Judgment Seat of Christ. [Matthew 13:41-42, 25:31-46, Malachi 3:1-5, Isaiah 29:20-21, Zephaniah 3:8-9, Ezekiel 20:33-38]

✧ They will be judged according to their deeds. [Isaiah 59:18, Romans 2:1-6, Matthew 16:27]

✧ After the Judgment men will fear the name of Yahweh from one end of the earth to the other.

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✧ Yahweh looks forward to the Kingdom age when He will personally reign over the world from Zion in Jerusalem over a holy people of Israel who have turned to Him in purity of heart and entered the Kingdom by faith in their Redeemer.

✧ From that time on they will fully keep and speak His Word in truth with the Holy Spirit and the New Covenant. [[Isaiah 59:21](#), [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#), [Hebrews 8:8-13](#)]