



***“In Search of the Abundant Life”***

Isaiah 58:1-14 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon  
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***Introduction - Isaiah 58 warns us of being religious apart from a relationship with God. Then goes on to tell us how any religious activity can connect us with God and open the path to spiritual abundance.***

***I. The Problem of Religion Apart from Relationship.***

- A. God sounds an alarm!
- B. They were being very religious, but not drawing any closer to God.
- C. They were being very religious, but it had no effect in the way they lived their lives.
- D. Does your religion have any noticeable impact in your life?

***II. The Pathway to Abundance.***

- A. A contrast between two different fasts. (vs. 5-6)
- B. A “fast” can stand for any religious activity we do.
- C. God is more interested in our hearts than our hoops.

- D. God is more interested in our connecting and becoming than our doing.
- E. The fast that God chooses is the one that results in becoming the right kind of person.
- F. What kind of person? (Is. 58:6-7, 9-10)
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.

***III. Experiencing the Abundant Life.***

- A. A renewed spiritual life and vitality.
- B. Answered prayer.
- C. Emotional and physical wellbeing.
- D. Joy and satisfaction.
- E. Healing ministry to others.

***IV. The Abundant Life Explained.***

- A. Keeping the Sabbath holy.
- B. Why God observed it first as our example.
- C. Here is how you can experience the abundant life. Ask yourself this question:  
- First? Most? Best?
- D. Here’s what the abundant life looks like:  
(Is. 58:13-14) - (Luke 2:52)