



“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)