

Isaiah 56

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Salvation for Foreigners

- ¹ Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.
 - ² Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.
 - ³ Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.
 - ⁴ For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant;
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- ⁵ Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.
 - ⁶ Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;
 - ⁷ Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.
 - ⁸ The Lord GOD which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

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- 9** All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest.
- 10** His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.
- 11** Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.
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- 12** Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.
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HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Covenant — בְּרִית (Berit)

Covenant, treaty

The Hebrew **berit** (בְּרִית) denotes a covenant—a binding agreement, often ratified by blood sacrifice. God's covenants (Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic) structure redemptive history, culminating in the New Covenant.

Holy — קָדוֹשׁ (Qadosh)

Holy, set apart

The Hebrew **qadosh** (קָדוֹשׁ) means holy or set apart—separated from common use for God's purposes. God is 'the Holy One of Israel,' utterly distinct from creation in moral perfection.

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Love — אַהַבָּה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אַהַבָּה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

Sacrifice — זֶבַח (Zevach)

Sacrifice, offering

The Hebrew **zevach** (זֶבַח) denotes a sacrifice or offering—an animal slaughtered for worship. Old Testament sacrifices foreshadowed Christ, 'the Lamb of God' (John 1:29).

CROSS REFERENCES**Isaiah 56:1**

Salvation: Isaiah 46:13; 51:5; Psalms 85:9. **Righteousness:** Isaiah 55:7; Romans 1:17. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 3:2; 4:17; Mark 1:15; John 7:17. **Judgment:** Malachi 4:4

Isaiah 56:2 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 58:13; Exodus 20:10; Ezekiel 20:12; 20:20; John 13:17.

Blessing: Psalms 106:3; 112:1; Luke 11:28. **Evil:** Psalms 119:101; Proverbs 16:17

Isaiah 56:3

References Lord: Isaiah 14:1; Jeremiah 50:5; 1 Corinthians 6:17. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 39:7; 56:5; Numbers 18:4; Acts 10:34; 17:4; Romans 15:16; Ephesians 2:22

Isaiah 56:4

Parallel theme: Isaiah 27:5; 56:2; Psalms 119:111; Luke 10:42. **Covenant:** Isaiah 55:3; 56:6; 2 Samuel 23:5; Jeremiah 50:5; Hebrews 6:17. **References Lord:** Joshua 24:15

Isaiah 56:5 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 26:1; 48:19; 60:18; 62:12; John 1:12; 1 Timothy 3:15; 1

John 3:1; Revelation 3:5; 3:12. **Eternal Life:** Isaiah 55:13

Isaiah 56:6

Covenant: Jeremiah 50:5. **References Lord:** Isaiah 44:5; 58:13; Revelation 1:10. **Love:** Galatians 5:6; James 2:5. **Parallel theme:** Acts 2:41

Isaiah 56:7 **Prayer:** Matthew 21:13; Mark 11:17; Luke 19:46. **Sacrifice:** Malachi 1:11;

Hebrews 13:15. **Holy:** Psalms 2:6; Zechariah 8:3; Romans 12:1; 1 Timothy 2:8. **Parallel theme:**

Hebrews 12:22

Isaiah 56:8 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 43:6; 49:12; 54:7; Genesis 49:10; John 10:16; Ephesians 1:10. **References Lord:** Psalms 147:2; Jeremiah 31:10. **References God:** Isaiah 49:22; Psalms 106:47

Isaiah 56:9 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 12:9

Isaiah 56:10

Parallel theme: Isaiah 29:10; 52:8; 58:1; Ezekiel 13:16; 33:6; Hosea 4:6; Nahum 3:18; Matthew 15:14; Philippians 3:2

Isaiah 56:11 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 1:3; 57:17; Ezekiel 13:19; Micah 3:11; John 8:43; Acts 20:29; 20:33; Titus 1:7; 2 Peter 2:3; Revelation 22:15

Isaiah 56:12

Parallel theme: Isaiah 5:22; Psalms 10:6; Proverbs 23:35; 27:1; Jeremiah 18:18; Hosea 4:11; Luke 21:34; 1 Corinthians 15:32; Titus 1:7

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