

WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

Announcements

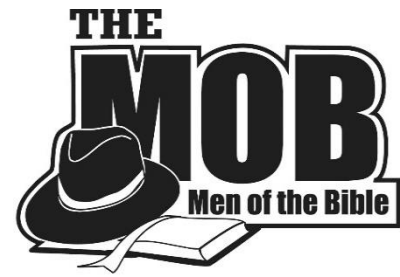
- MOB Website & Resources: www.ibcmob.net
- IBC Easter Concerts
 - Friday 22 March 7:30pm
 - Saturday 23 March 3 & 7pm
 - Sunday 24 March 5pm
- MOB Easter break - 26 March - **No MOB**

Please Rise

- **Invocation/Prayer**
- **Let Us Sing –**
 - **10,000 Reasons**

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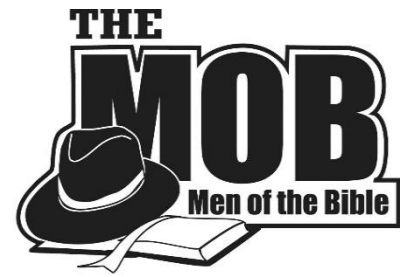
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Oh my soul
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Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I worship your holy name**

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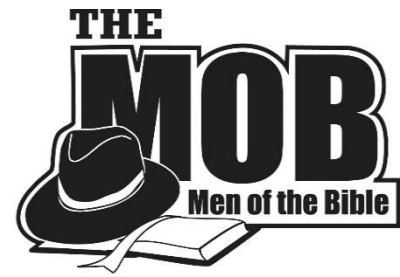
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**The sun comes up
Its a new day dawning
Its time to sing your song again
What ever may pass and whatever lies
before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes**

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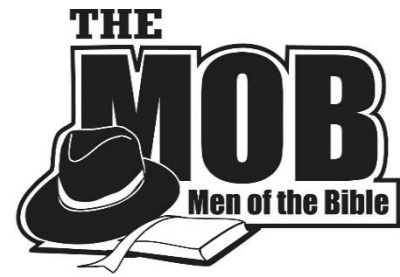
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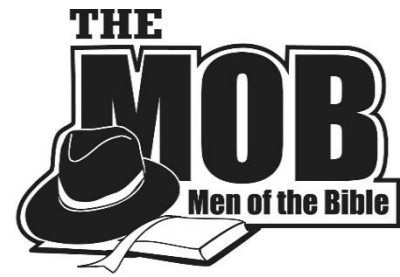
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**You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
10,000 reasons for my heart to find**

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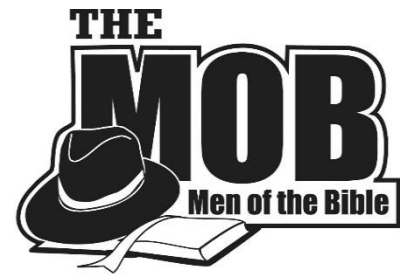
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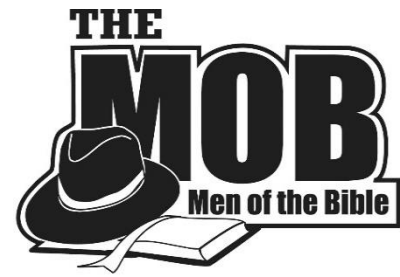
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**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Soon my soul will sing your praise un-
ending
10,000 years and there forever more**

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Our Isaiah Study

Last Week

- Isaiah 58
- Memory Verse: Isaiah 58:5
- Dr. Constable's Notes, 2023 Ed., pp. 415-421; Motyer, pp. 478-484
- Refreshment Host: Group H

Tonight

- Isaiah 59
- Memory Verse: Isaiah 59:1-2
- Dr. Constable's Notes, 2023 Ed., pp. 421-428; Motyer, pp. 484-493
- Refreshment Host: Group A

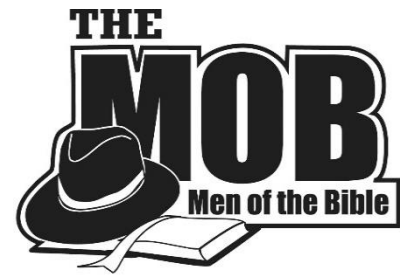
Memory Verse

Isaiah 59:1-2 (ESV)

**Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot
save,
or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;
² but your iniquities have made a separation
between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden his face from you
so that he does not hear.**



Isaiah Outline



Focus	Prophecies of Condemnation								Historical Parenthesis				Prophecies of Comfort					
	1:1		35:10						36:1		39:8		40:1		66:24			
Divisions	Prophecies Against Judah		Prophecies Against the Nation		Prophecies Against the Day of the Lord		Prophecies of Judgement and Blessing		Sickness and Sin		Hezekiah's Salvation		Israel's Deliverance		Israel's Deliverer		Israel's Glorious Future	
Topics	1:1	12:6	13:1	23:18	24:1	27:13	28:1	35:10	36:1		39:8		40:1	48:22	49:1	57:21	58:1	66:24
Place	Prophetic								Historic				Messianic					
	Judgement								Transition				Hope					
Time	Israel & Judah																	
	740 - 680 B.C.																	

Bruce Wilkinson and Kenneth Boa, Talk Thru the Bible (Nashville: T. Nelson, 1983), 189.

A Three-Part Pattern In Chapters 56-59:

- **Futility of Dependence on Election and Formal Religion as the Basis of One's Relation to God (56:1-8; 58:1-4)**
- **Inability of the People to do Righteousness in Their Own Strength (56:9-57:13; 59:1-15a)**
- **Coming of God in His Own Power to Enable the Righteousness He Commands (57:14-21; 59:15b-21).**

Three Sections in Chapter 59

Isaiah Condemns the People's Sins (59:1-8)

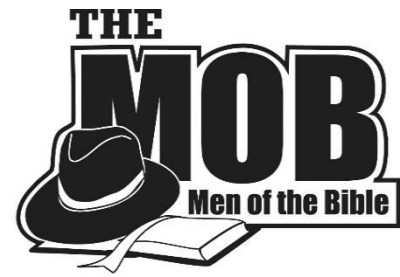
The People Confess Their Sin (59:9-15a)

**The Lord Prepares to Rescue His People
(59:15b-21)**

Finer Points of Chapter 59

- The Israelites' sins are referred to 32 times in chapter 59, and there are 23 separate charges brought against them. – Constable
- “This passage describes the appalling moral breakdown of Jewish society—which perfectly accords with what we know of the degeneracy of Manasseh’s reign.” – Archer in Constable
- Manasseh – 2 Kings 21
 - “And he did what was evil in the sight of the Lord” – Verse 2
 - “And he burned his son as an offering” – Verse 6
 - “Manasseh led them astray to do more evil than the nations had done whom the Lord destroyed before the people of Israel.” - Verse 9

Isaiah 59:1-3



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and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

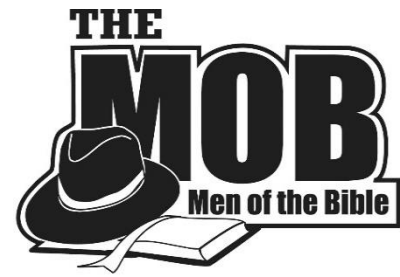
³For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness.

- The reason God doesn't answer the prayer is because of the sin of the people.
- The Lord does not lack strength.
- “Hand” - the symbol of personal action, ability and strength
- “Ear” – compassion and readiness
- “Face” – personal displeasure
- Hands indicates a detailed sin...Blood is the damage to others...Lips/tongue is the sin of speech and inability to keep the mouth shut.



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Isaiah 59:4-6



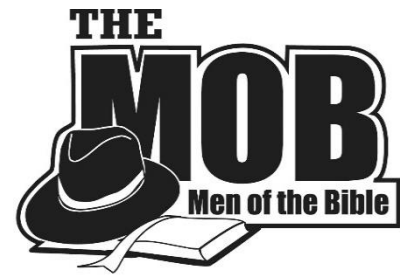
⁴ No one enters suit justly; no one goes to law honestly; they rely on empty pleas, they speak lies, they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity.

⁵ They hatch adders' eggs; they weave the spider's web; he who eats their eggs dies,

and from one that is crushed viper is hatched. ⁶ Their webs will not serve as clothing; men will not cover themselves with what they make. Their works are works of iniquity, and deeds of violence are in their hands.

- **Verse 4 – 6 different accusations.**
- **Verse 5 – The result of an unjust system...Viper eggs and spider's webs.**
- **Whether you eat the egg or crush it the result is bad.**
- **Both items are a product useless to the producer.**
- **Weaving a web - plan of the wicked.**

Isaiah 59:7-8

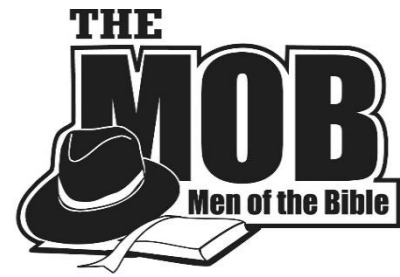


⁷ Their feet run to evil, and they are swift to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; desolation and destruction are in their highways.

⁸ The way of peace they do not know, and there is no justice in their paths; they have made their roads crooked; no one who treads on them knows peace.

- God's people are running to evil.
- The way is like a path of righteousness or a moral life.
- Even their imaginations are evil.
- "Know" – personal and intimate.
- They have missed God's rule of law.
- The road they are on will not bring them peace.

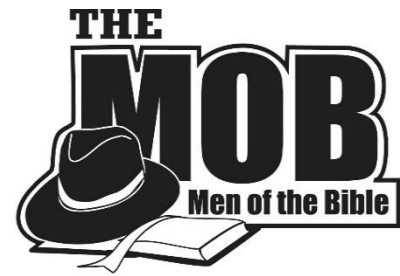
Isaiah 58:9-10



⁹ Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not overtake us; we hope for light, and behold, darkness, and for brightness, but we walk in gloom. ¹⁰ We grope for the wall like the blind; we grope like those who have no eyes; we stumble at noon as in the twilight, among those in full vigor we are like dead men.

- **No justice for others results in no justice for God's People.**
- **God has withdrawn his light from them.**
- **"The Messianic light is an idea peculiar to Isaiah among the prophets, and in the prophets the Lord as light is elsewhere found only in Micah 7:8." – Motyer**
- **Darkness...Blind...No Eyes...Stumble...Dead Men.**

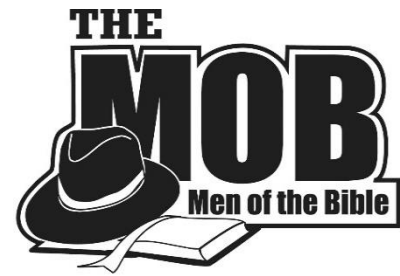
Isaiah 59:11-13



¹¹ We all growl like bears; we moan and moan like doves; we hope for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us. ¹² For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: ¹³ transgressing, and denying the LORD, and turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.

- **Growl – Anger at the havoc sin makes of God’s world.**
- **Believers mourn ... sorrow in their sin.**
- **Verse 12 – Courtroom scene**
- **Admission of sin – so there is hope!**
- **Admission of sins of omission and commission.**

Isaiah 59:14-16



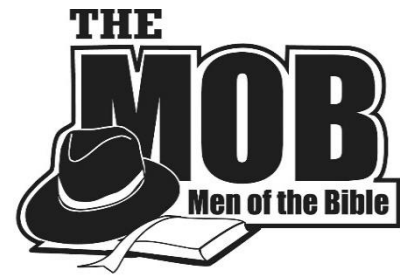
¹⁴ Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter.

¹⁵ Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.

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 one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him.

- **Moral absolutes have disappeared.**
- **Public morality has collapsed.**
- **Individual moral character is under threat.**
- **Truth is no where to be found.**
- **We see sin as God sees it and sees that man is helpless.**
- **Where truth is lacking, those who speak truth make himself prey.**
- **Tho Israel is blind...God sees!**
- **God Himself takes action!**

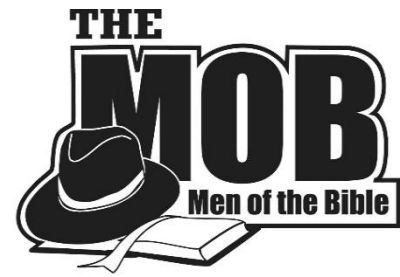
Isaiah 59:17-18



¹⁷ He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.¹⁸ According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment.

- God girds Himself for war.
- This is a worldwide event.
- “The Lord acting like a pent-up flood suddenly released and whipped to a storm by a driving wind. The picture is attractive and suitable.” – Motyer
- “God will repay his foes; he will take vengeance on those who have opposed him.” - Oswalt

Isaiah 59:19-20

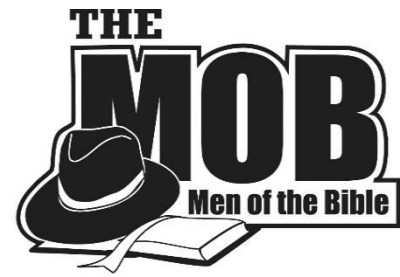


19 So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the LORD drives.

20 “And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the LORD.

“God assumes the warrior stance so that he may fill the role of redeemer. His ultimate purpose in attacking the sin of the world is to redeem the world as typified in Zion. No matter how fearsome his wrath against sin, no matter how terrified those who choose to remain in sin should be, still it is the patient compassion of a God who longs to forgive that should capture our attention as it did that of the ancient Israelites.” - Oswalt

Isaiah 59:21



21 “And as for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the LORD: “My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring,” says the LORD, “from this time forth and forevermore.”

Summary

- **God's patience is limited.**
- **He is girding for battle.**
- **The Redeemer is at hand.**

Next Meeting – 2 April

Review:

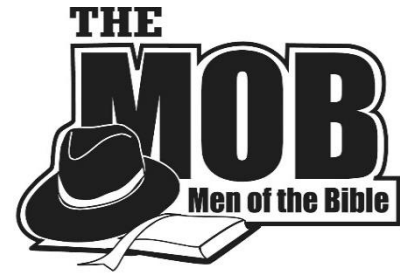
- Isaiah 59
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Study:

- Isaiah 60
- Memory Verse: Isaiah 60:12
- Dr. Constable's Notes, pp. 428-435; Motyer, pp. 493-499
- Refreshment: Group B

Questions & Application

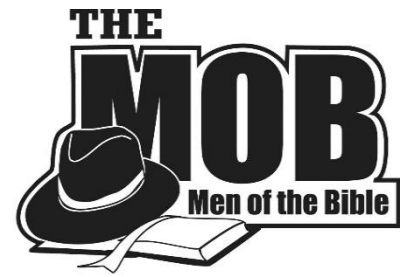
Lowell's Questions



- **How does Isaiah 59 connect with, and build on, Isaiah 58 (and 59)?**
- **Who was reigning as king of Judah at the time Isaiah was writing these prophecies; what do we know about his reign; and how might it help explain the overall moral breakdown of Jewish society?**
- **What were Isaiah's key indictments of God's people in these three chapters, and how did they affect God's response to their prayers?**
- **What does Isaiah say separated the people from God in this passage, and what are some other verses in the Bible that confirm this reality?**
- **What are some of the specific sins that Isaiah identifies in verses 3-8?**
- **In what ways did Isaiah speak for the people in recognizing and confessing their sins (in verses 9-14)? What stands out to you?**
- **Why is the acknowledgment, and even the hatred, for sin, and its consequences, not necessarily evidence of true repentance?**

Questions & Application

Lowell's Questions



- How does Isaiah describe (in verse 15) the backlash on “those who turn from evil,” and how might this characterize the opposition and oppression godly people face in our world today?
- Why do you think God was “astonished” (verse 16 says) “when there was no one to intercede for the people”?
- And so, how does the Lord respond in verses 15-21, and what does Isaiah say about how He would (one day!) deliver His people and take vengeance on those who seek their destruction?
- What does Isaiah say in this passage about a “coming Redeemer”?
- What role will the Spirit of God and the Word of God play in fulfilling His covenant promise with Israel—and in our lives today?
- What will you take away from this lesson?

Closing

- **Benediction**
- **Small Groups**

