

Airtight

Isaiah 58:9-12

A. His Heart (vs. 9-10):

1. The reflection of verses 1-8; IMPORTANT!
2. As a believer we can now make a sustained, loud request to get the Lord's attention (1 Thess. 5:17).
3. The Lord also has authority to do whatever is necessary to make all that needs be done come true.
4. All that is brought before the Lord is heard and the Lord responds based on the request.
5. Our cry is an effort to constantly seek relief because we recognize circumstances are difficult and dangerous.
6. The Lord will not ignore us. He will provide us a vocal response (now in the NT with His Word complete we have everything we need; 2 Pet. 1:3-4; 2 Tim. 3:17) and reveal Himself to us.
7. We must turn aside to a new way of life that causes the device called a "yoke" that was placed around a prisoner to be removed from the presence of the people.
8. The pointing of the finger is a way of saying we need to remove an intentional act of stretching out and shooting arrows at others in violation of the Word of God.
9. To speak wickedness is to purposefully and verbally communicate in a manner that violates the Word of God.
10. Give of yourself to provide what benefits the needs of others until it is completed. To this purpose, a person gives a meaningful part of their lives to see this through. (Matt. 25:31-46)
11. Satisfying the afflicted is to bring them to a fullness, so that what is causing the affliction does not continue to tear them down.
12. When a person is being afflicted, they are defenseless, they lack the power to fight back while being humbled, as in the case of Sarah and Hagar.
13. "Your" light, not Christ who is the light of the world. Our faithful response to the Lord (vs. 9) after fasting provides clarity, wisdom, life, and happiness to everyone involved.
14. The work of the Lord will rise, like the sun rising in the morning.

15. Our distress, failures or punishments will be what is mostly exposed.

B. Promises He Fulfills (vs. 11):

1. The Lord, who has all authority and power and is committed to His covenant, will tenderly lead us out of our trouble, so that we are eventually back on the right path.
2. The Lord will nourish us and provide us the fullness of life so that we are complete with whatever our needs may be (Luke 12:31-34) no matter how extreme the circumstances.
3. God will forever provide us the ability from the inside out to feel refreshed and revitalized.
4. People manually watered the garden in a very dry climate. God will also nourish us (Psalm 1:1-3) by way of the Holy Spirit in the NT so we do not thirst (John 3:4-8; 5:13-14; 6:35).
5. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is a constant pouring of the Lord in and through us (Eph. 3:14-17; Titus 3:4-6).

C. He Rebuilds What's Broken (vs. 12):

1. The reestablishing of what needs to be put in place is completed by those believers who are among them. It is the community that must be engaged in the process that blesses God.
2. The Christian community needs to be completely resolved to reestablish what has been thrown down by trouble.
3. Because the community is committed to the work, those paying attention will make a sustained, loud message that specifically recognizes all that they are seeking to accomplish.
4. Those who remain faithful will be recognized as those who meticulously restore what led to despair in the city.
5. Because of our commitment to the Lord and the Christian community, we will be able to bring things back to where they once were.
6. Once restored everything will be permanent.