

Old Testament

**Isa 59:1** Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;

**Isa 59:2** 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.

**Isa 59:3** For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness.

**Isa 59:4** 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.

**Isa 59:5** They hatch adders' eggs; they weave the spider's web; he who eats their eggs dies, and from one that is crushed a viper is hatched.

**Isa 59:6** 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.

**Isa 59:7** 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.

**Isa 59:8** 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.

**Isa 59:9** 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.

**Isa 59:10** 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.

**Isa 59:11** 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.

**Isa 59:12** For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities:

**Isa 59:13** transgressing, and denying the LORD, and turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.

**Isa 59:14** Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter.

**Isa 59:15** 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.

**Isa 59:16** 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.

**Isa 59:17** 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.

**Isa 59:18** According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment.

**Isa 59:19** 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.

**Isa 59:20** "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the LORD.

**Isa 59:21** "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."

**Isa 60:1** Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**Isa 60:2** For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

**Isa 60:3** And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**Isa 60:4** Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

**Isa 60:5** Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

**Isa 60:6** A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

**Isa 60:7** All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you; the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will beautify my beautiful house.

**Isa 60:8** Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?

**Isa 60:9** For the coastlands shall hope for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from afar, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has made you beautiful.

**Isa 60:10** Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in my wrath I struck you, but in my favor I have had mercy on you.

**Isa 60:11** Your gates shall be open continually; day and night they shall not be shut, that people may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings led in procession.

**Isa 60:12** For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

**Isa 60:13** The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

**Isa 60:14** The sons of those who afflicted you shall come bending low to you, and all who despised you shall bow down at your feet; they shall call you the City of the LORD, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

**Isa 60:15** Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you majestic forever, a joy from age to age.

**Isa 60:16** You shall suck the milk of nations; you shall nurse at the breast of kings; and you shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

**Isa 60:17** Instead of bronze I will bring gold, and instead of iron I will bring silver; instead of wood, bronze, instead of stones, iron. I will make your overseers peace and your taskmasters righteousness.

**Isa 60:18** Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.

**Isa 60:19** The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

**Isa 60:20** Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

**Isa 60:21** Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I might be glorified.

**Isa 60:22** The least one shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation; I am the LORD; in its time I will hasten it.

**Isa 61:1** The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

**Isa 61:2** to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

**Isa 61:3** to grant to those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

**Isa 61:4** They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

**Isa 61:5** Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;

**Isa 61:6** but you shall be called the priests of the LORD; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast.

**Isa 61:7** Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy.

**Isa 61:8** For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

**Isa 61:9** Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

**Isa 61:10** I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**Isa 61:11** For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

### New Testament

**1Th 4:1** Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more.

**1Th 4:2** For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

**1Th 4:3** For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;

**1Th 4:4** that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor,

**1Th 4:5** not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;

**1Th 4:6** that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.

**1Th 4:7** For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

**1Th 4:8** Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

**1Th 4:9** Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another,

**1Th 4:10** for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more,

**1Th 4:11** and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you,

**1Th 4:12** so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

**1Th 4:13** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

**1Th 4:14** For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

1Th 4:15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

1Th 4:17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

1Th 4:18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.