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Keep Justice and Do Righteousness

Isaiah 56:1-8

God promised answers like those seen in the Bible to the people who believe in Christ and live by that covenant. Throughout every age, God raised up people who received His word and followed it, and through them He fulfilled His will. Although His choice often began with one person, there were many who followed, and together they accomplished God's will. The result was always a historic gospel movement, and in the process of fulfilling His word, many miracles and evidences took place. God's choice is absolute, so the word He gives is always fulfilled. Those who did not follow that word were excluded from the stream of the history of God's kingdom. In severe cases, some met meaningless deaths, and others, though they followed for a time, did not continue to the end and ultimately disappeared.

The fundamental is to know the gospel and continually restore the gospel within ourselves. And we must follow the flow of God's desire which is world evangelization. This is the answer to life. Since the one thing God desires is world evangelization, if everything we do while we are alive is aligned with that purpose, God will come into the field of our lives. I pray that your eyes will be opened once again, and that this covenant will enter deeply into your heart and remain alive within you.

1. Keep Justice and Do Righteousness

1) This is the word found in verse 1. It says that the reason we must keep justice and practice righteousness is because God's salvation will come and the judgment of His righteousness will be revealed. In other words, keeping justice and practicing righteousness become the condition for receiving salvation and passing through God's righteous judgment.
2) Therefore, justice and righteousness must become the gospel. It refers to keeping Christ in our hearts and doing according to that covenant. Apart from this, there is no other way to pass through God's righteous judgment and receive salvation. As a result, this passage can be understood as meaning: "Keep the gospel and practice His righteousness, that is, the covenant."
3) From the following verses, it explains how we can keep this gospel and practice God's righteousness. Verse 2 says that blessed is the person who keeps the Sabbath not profaning it, keeps his hand from doing any evil, and holds fast to these things.
4) From verse 3 onward, it speaks about foreigners and eunuchs. To the eunuchs, He says, "Do not say, 'I am a dry tree.'" Verse 4 says that if they keep His Sabbath, choose what pleases Him, and firmly hold to His covenant, then verse 5 promises that God will give them, within His house and within His walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters—an everlasting name that will never be cut off.
5) Verse 6 contains the promise given to foreigners. If they join themselves to the Lord, serve Him, love His name, become His servants, keep the Sabbath without profaning it, and firmly hold to His covenant, then verse 7 says that God will bring them to His holy mountain and make them joyful in His house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be gladly accepted on His altar, because His house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
6) Verse 8 says, "The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, 'I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.'" Therefore, foreigners also should not be discouraged. God promised that if they join themselves with Him, become His servants, and keep His Sabbath without profaning it, they too will become His people.
7) Today's passage is filled with important words. But to summarize, first, God says: "Keep My gospel and practice His righteousness." In other words, keep the gospel and practice the

blood of His covenant. Then the very next important word appears in verse 2 to keep the Sabbath and do not profane it.

8) Next comes the message concerning foreigners and eunuchs. Verse 4 promises that if they keep His Sabbath, choose what pleases Him, and firmly hold to His covenant, then even eunuchs will receive a monument greater than sons and daughters. To foreigners, God promised that He would bring them to His holy mountain and gladly accept their burnt offerings and sacrifices. Since His house from the beginning was meant to be a house of prayer for all nations, He is saying that anyone may come. This is the message of world evangelization.
9) Today, God gave His word to three groups of people. Verses 1–2 can be seen as addressed to all the people of Israel, followed by eunuchs and foreigners. Among all three groups, one phrase repeatedly appears without exception.
10) It is “Keep the Sabbath.” In other words, “Keep worship.” It means do not profane the worship of promise, offered through the blood of the covenant, with idols. Then even eunuchs will receive blessings greater than the blessing of children, and foreigners too will be able to come into God’s house and pray, and God promises that He will gladly receive their sacrifices and burnt offerings.
11) This should lead us to examine what our own Sabbath is like. What is our worship like? Looking at the conclusion of the entire Bible, it would not be an exaggeration to say that everything in our lives depends on whether we receive God’s word through worship. This is because every person who received the word and followed it experienced answers like those found in the Bible without exception.
12) A person may have faith, but if their life does not follow the word, then although they may be saved, they are still living according to their own desires. Normally, God’s word should govern our hearts and thoughts, and the results of that should appear in our lives. Otherwise, even if we acknowledge that God is almighty and our Father, He effectively becomes someone unrelated to our daily lives.
13) Also, if our hearts are not set on world evangelization but instead on living however we please, then God would have no obligation to give us answers. But if our reason is world evangelization, then God will seek to answer us whenever possible, because we are pursuing the very work that He desires to accomplish.
14) If world evangelization becomes the foundation of our lives, and if we are determined to live according to the word we receive from the pulpit, then according to his word, God will show us the prepared answers, people, and works of miracles. Through this, God’s desire, world evangelization, will be fulfilled through us.
15) The word conquers all people in the field, the works of Satan, cultures, and environments. As a result, the kingdom of God comes upon that place, God’s will is fulfilled, and we will enjoy even greater liberation and victory. May all of us receive the blessing of the word entering us and becoming our covenant.