

## ISAIAH CHAPTER 59

<sup>1</sup> Has the hand of the Lord no power to save? Or has He made His ear heavy, so that He should not hear? <sup>2</sup> But rather, your iniquities separate between you and God, and because of your sins has He turned away *His* face from you, so as not to have mercy *upon you*. <sup>3</sup> For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with sins; your lips also have spoken iniquity, and your tongue meditates unrighteousness. <sup>4</sup> None speaks justly, neither is there true judgment; they trust in vanities, and speak empty *words*; for they conceive trouble, and bring forth iniquity. <sup>5</sup> They have hatched vipers' eggs, and weave a spider's web; and he that is going to eat of their eggs, having broken one, has found a viper therein. <sup>6</sup> Their web shall not become a garment, nor shall they at all clothe themselves with their works; for their works are works of iniquity. <sup>7</sup> And their feet run to wickedness, *and are* swift to shed blood; their thoughts also are thoughts of murder; destruction and misery are in their ways; <sup>8</sup> and the way of peace they do not know, neither is there judgment in their ways; for their paths by which they go are crooked, and they do not know peace.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore has judgment departed from them, and righteousness shall not overtake them; while they waited for light, darkness came upon them; while they waited for brightness, they walked in perplexity. <sup>10</sup> They shall feel for the wall as blind *men*, and shall feel *for it* as if they had no eyes; and they shall feel at noonday as at midnight; they shall groan as dying men. <sup>11</sup> They shall proceed together as a bear and as a dove; we have waited for judgment, and there is no salvation, it is gone far from us. <sup>12</sup> For our iniquity is great before You, and our sins have risen up against us; for our iniquities are in us, and we know our unrighteous deeds. <sup>13</sup> We have sinned, and dealt falsely, and revolted from our God; we have spoken unrighteous words, and have been disobedient; we have conceived and uttered from our heart unrighteous words. <sup>14</sup> And we have turned back judgment, and righteousness has departed afar off; for truth is consumed in their ways, and they could not pass by a straight *path*. <sup>15</sup> And truth has been taken away, and they have turned aside *their* mind from understanding. And the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no judgment. <sup>16</sup> And He looked, and there was no man, and He observed, and there was none to help; so He defended them with His arm, and established *them* with *His* mercy. <sup>17</sup> And He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and placed the helmet of salvation on His head; and He clothed himself with the garment of vengeance, and with His cloak, <sup>18</sup> as one about to render a recompense, *even* reproach to His adversaries. <sup>19</sup> So shall they of the west fear the name of the Lord, and they *that come* from the rising of the sun *shall fear* His glorious name; for the wrath of the Lord shall come as a mighty river, it shall come with fury.

<sup>20</sup> And the deliverer shall come for Zion's sake, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. <sup>21</sup> "And this shall be My covenant with them," said the Lord: "My Spirit which is upon you, and the words which I have put in your mouth, shall never fail from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your seed, for the Lord has spoken it, from this time and forevermore!"