

Reality Check

Isaiah 59:1-8

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Isaiah 59:1-8 – The sin God sees (NIV)

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. ² But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. ³ For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken falsely, and your tongue mutters wicked things. ⁴ No one calls for justice; no one pleads a case with integrity. They rely on empty arguments, they utter lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to evil. ⁵ They hatch the eggs of vipers and spin a spider's web. Whoever eats their eggs will die, and when one is broken, an adder is hatched. ⁶ Their cobwebs are useless for clothing; they cannot cover themselves with what they make. Their deeds are evil deeds, and acts of violence are in their hands. ⁷ Their feet rush into sin; they are swift to shed innocent blood. They pursue evil schemes; acts of violence mark their ways. ⁸ The way of peace they do not know; there is no justice in their paths. They have turned them into crooked roads; no one who walks along them will know peace.

v1 – What were people thinking was the reason why God had not rescued them from their trials?

They wondered if perhaps God had diminished in strength — if His hand had become shortened. Isaiah the prophet assures them that this is not the case.

How can there be a God of love and all power when there is human suffering?

We live in a fallen world so bad things just happen. Sometimes bad things are a consequence of sin, either our own or the sin of others. God allows bad things to happen to serve some purpose like getting us to turn to Him or giving us an experience that would be helpful to others.

- God sees the big picture and can bring good things to us from bad.

What else were people thinking was the reason why God had not rescued them from their trials?

Nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: Perhaps the problem isn't that God lacks power. Perhaps He lacks knowledge of our problem or interest in our problem. But this isn't the situation at all, as Isaiah reminds us. God's ear is not heavy. He can hear us just fine.

v2 – What was the real reason why God had not rescued them from their trials?

But your iniquities have separated you from your God: The problem isn't with God's power, His knowledge, or His interest. The problem is with our iniquities. Sin has separated you from your God.

In what way does sin separate us from God?

Sin does not necessarily separate us from the presence of God, because God is present everywhere (Psalm 139:7) and even Satan can have an audience with God (Job 1:6). Sin does not separate us from the love of God, because God loves sinners (Romans 5:8). But sin still does separate.

- Sin separates us from fellowship with God, because we are not thinking like God.
- Sin separates us from the blessing of God, because we are not trusting God and relying on Him.
- Sin separates us from some of the benefits of God's love, even as the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) was still loved by the father but didn't enjoy the benefits of his love when he was in sin.
- Sin separates us from the protection of God, because He will allow trials to come our way to correct us.

Why do people tend to blame everything but themselves when they suffer consequences for sin?

They don't want to take responsibility for their decisions because if they did, they'd have to take action to correct it.

What does it mean God hid his face from his people because of their sin?

It is another way of saying they were separated from Him.

- This explains why God's people no longer felt the face of the LORD shining on them (Numbers 6:25).

v3 – What sins alienated God's people from Him?

Your hands are stained with blood: They practiced and approved of violence and murder.

Is our society engaged in that sin today?

Yes, abortion is murder. And the global warming true believers seek to depopulate the planet; genocide is not just a conspiracy theory.

What other pre-judgment Judah sin are we seeing today?

Your lips have spoken falsely: They lied with ease and regularity. We saw that during COVID when the narrative was crafted to instill fear and thus assure compliance. At the same time, any dissenting voices were maligned and censored.

v4 – What other pre-judgment Judah sins are we seeing today?

No one calls for justice: They did not share God's heart for what was fair and good; everyone simply thought in terms of their own good.

- Both justice and truth were distant concepts, and instead of justice there were empty words, instead of truth there were lies.
- Social justice is not true justice, it is favoring one group over another to achieve some human-defined objective.

How might they have been trusting in empty arguments?

They may think they are acting sensibly but actually it was all nonsense based on lies and not truth.

- A huge portion of our nation just trusts the mainstream media and their narratives.
- They blindly trust the government to not do anything to harm us.

Where have we seen people conceiving trouble in order to give birth to evil?

There is evidence that COVID was a man-caused crisis in order to divide people between who would trust the government and comply with the mandates and those who would resist.

- It also made it possible to cheat in the 2020 presidential election on a large scale because of the absentee voting.
- Ultimately it was used to condition people to get comfortable with the idea that non-compliance with government mandates would result in not being able to buy or sell (Mark of the Beast).
- This is classic manipulation of the public: Hegelian Dielectric – create a crisis in order to implement a “solution” that would otherwise not be tolerated.

v5 – What spider's web is being spun today?

The narrative is that the most important thing is for the world to come together in order to curb global warming. This will end up being a trap to force more centrally concentrated power over the public. It sets the stage for the Antichrist.

What is represented by the eggs they lay that will cause people to die who eat them?

The lies they tell the public are deadly, both physically and spiritually. Knowing that prominent globalists seek depopulation should cause us to reject their policies.

How are global warming policies really about depopulation and control?

Those who don't trust in God have bought the lie that there are limited resources on earth so they want to hoard what is there for themselves.

- The global warming faithful loved the COVID lock-downs, a lot less fossil fuel was being consumed.
- Labeling something as harmful to the environment (carbon dioxide, nitrogen, cow flatulence) will cause a famine which results in depopulation.
- Inciting wars also aids depopulation objectives.

Why do the Luciferian global elite seek depopulation?

About Satan Jesus said:

John 8:44 – *He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him*

Satan's lie to Adam and Eve is what brought death into the world. Satan hates God and thus hates His image-bearers.

v6 – What value is there in the cobwebs woven by the anti-God elite?

They are ultimately worthless... their webs will never cover them before God; Their webs will not become garments, nor will they cover themselves with their works.

v7 – Why are the anti-God elite implementing their bloody, evil schemes with such urgency?

2 Thessalonians 2:7-8 – *the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming*

God's restraint of evil is being reduced as a birth-pang that the spiritually discerning will recognize as indicating the end of the Age is soon. The evil-restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit will be removed with the church at the rapture.

Revelation 12:9, 12 – *So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him... Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.*”

Even Satan and his minions can see that their opportunity to implement their evil plans to enslave humanity is close.

v8 – What is the path of those who do not know the peace of God?

It is a crooked, unjust one that ultimately leads to destruction.

Matthew 7:13 – Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it

One characteristic of the broad way is that there is no constraint to keep someone on it to avoid a crooked path.

What applications come to mind from our discussion?

- God allows bad things to happen to get our attention.
- Sin always separates us from God... repent!
- We are seeing Judah's pre-judgment sins in the USA (and world) today; this should drive us closer to God.
- The stage is being set for the Tribulation; our redemption draws near!