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Isaiah 50-57



1 Corinthians 6:19–20

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Rev. 3:9.

Divorce.

c TG Apostasy of Israel.
d Hosea 2:2.

c Isa. 53:4 (1–12);

Matt. 27:26.
TG Suffering.

10e D&C 84:116.

f HEB be supported by.

11a TG Light [noun].

b TG Sorrow.

51 1a 2 Ne. 8:1 (1–25).

b IE These are defined

Earth, Renewal of;
Eden.

d Ezek. 36:35.

4a OR teaching, doctrine.
TG God, Law of.

5a Ps. 85:9:

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b Matt. 10:28.

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The text of 2 Nephi 8:19–20 taken from the brass plates suggests that the two sons may be the two witnesses of Revelation 11:1–6 who will keep the armies from defeating the Jews (see also D&C 77:15).

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In the last days, Zion will return, and Israel will be redeemed—The Messiah will deal prudently and be exalted.

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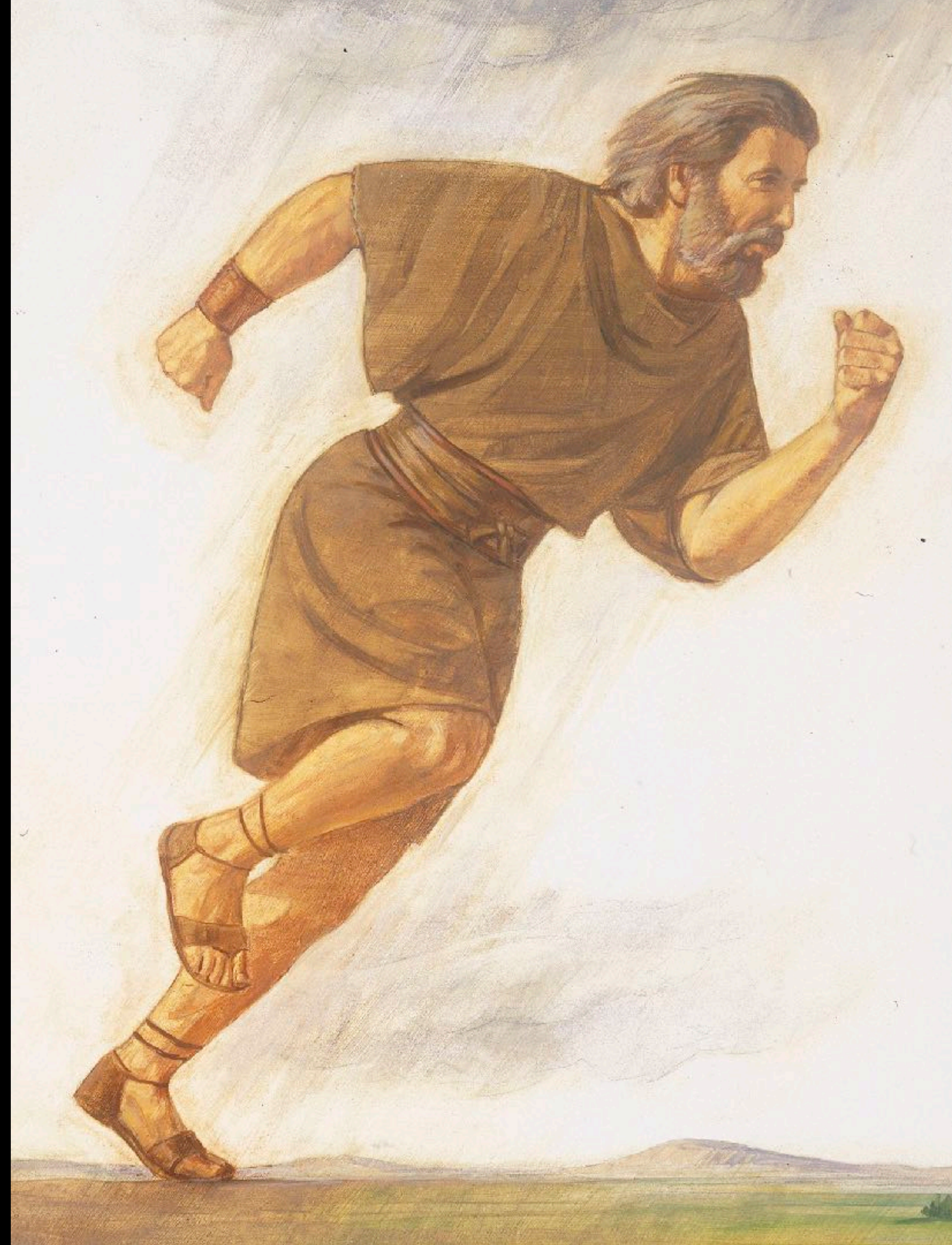
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“As the Book of Mormon prophet Abinadi made clear in a slight variation of Isaiah’s exclamation:

“O how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that is the founder of peace, yea, even the Lord, who has redeemed his people; yea, him who has granted salvation unto his people’ [Mosiah 15:18; emphasis added].

“Ultimately it is Christ who is beautiful upon the mountain. And it is His merciful promise of ‘peace in this world,’ His good tidings of ‘eternal life in the world to come’ [D&C 59:23] that make us fall at His feet and call His name blessed and give thanks for the restoration of His true and living **Church” (Jeffrey R. Holland, “The Peaceable Things of the Kingdom,” GC Oct 1996, *Ensign*, Nov. 1996, 82).**

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Nyman noted that “these verses are quoted four times in the Book of Mormon, and always as a unit, although the Savior once interpolated a comment between verses 8 and 9 when he quoted them (see 3 Nephi 20:33). Although verse 8 speaks about Zion while verse 9 speaks about Jerusalem, the Savior quoted all three verses twice to the Nephites and said they would be fulfilled through both the Nephites and the Jews. This again shows the dual nature of Isaiah’s prophecies. The Savior first quoted this passage following His declaration that the land of America was to be given to Lehi’s descendants after the Gentiles reject the fulness of the gospel and are ‘trodden under foot’ by the house of Israel; he said this would fulfill the words of the prophet Isaiah (see 3 Nephi 16:10–20). He later quoted the passage while instructing the Nephites concerning the restoration of the Jews. He changed the wording from ‘thy watchmen’ to ‘their watchmen,’ as he was referring to Jerusalem’s watchmen in this case

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On the other hand, the Savior Himself made it clear that Isaiah 52:13 also had reference to a servant involved in the “great and marvelous work” of the Father in the latter days (3 Nephi 21:9). The Book of Mormon verse undoubtedly refers to Joseph Smith and the Restoration. Men “marred” him, persecuting him throughout his life until they succeeded in killing him. Yet power was given him by the Father “to bring forth unto the Gentiles” the Book of Mormon as well as other latter-day revelations (see 3 Nephi 21:10–11; see also D&C 3; 10). As a result, kings and rulers of the earth behold and consider things “which had not been told them” (Isaiah 52:15).

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11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his ^aknowledge shall my righteous ^bservant ^cjustify many; for he shall ^dbear their iniquities.

12 Therefore will I divide him *a* portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto ^adeath: and he was numbered with the ^btransgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made ^cintercession for the transgressors.

CHAPTER 54

In the last days, Zion and her stakes will be established, and Israel will be gathered in mercy and tenderness—Israel will triumph—Compare 3 Nephi 22.

^aSING, O ^bbarren, thou *that* didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou *that* didst not travail with child: for more *are* the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.

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Elder Melvin J. Ballard

“In that hour I think I can see our dear Father behind the veil looking upon these dying struggles until even he could not endure it any longer; and, like the mother who bids farewell to her dying child, has to be taken out of the room, so as not to look upon the last struggles, so he bowed his head, and hid in some part of his universe, his great heart almost breaking for the love that he had for his Son. Oh, in that moment when he might have saved his Son, I thank him and praise him that he did not fail us, for he had not only the love of his Son in mind, but he also had love for us. I rejoice that he did not interfere, and that his love for us made it possible for him to endure to look upon the sufferings of his Son and give him finally to us, our Savior and our Redeemer. Without him, without his sacrifice, we would have remained, and we would never have come glorified into his presence. And so this is what it cost, in part, for our Father in Heaven to give the gift of his Son unto men.” *(Bryant S. Hinckley, Sermons and Missionary Services of Melvin Joseph Ballard, pp. 154–55.)*

Mosiah 15:10-11

10 And now I say unto you, who shall declare his generation? Behold, I say unto you, that when his soul has been made an offering for sin he shall see his seed. [this is a summary of what was taught in Isaiah 53:8 and 10] And now what say ye? And who shall be his seed?

11 Behold I say unto you, that whosoever has heard the words of the prophets, yea, all the holy prophets who have prophesied concerning the coming of the Lord—I say unto you, that all those who have hearkened unto their words, and believed that the Lord would redeem his people, and have looked forward to that day for a remission of their sins, I say unto you, that these are his seed, or they are the heirs of the kingdom of God.

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Isaiah 54-55

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4 ¶ Surely he hath ^aborne our ^bgriefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he *was* ^awounded for our ^btransgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his ^cstripes we are ^dhealed.

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8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his ^ageneration? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the ^btransgression of my people was he stricken.

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c Matt. 9:11 (10–13);
John 1:10.
TG Respect.

4a Isa. 50:6;
Philip. 2:7 (5–8).
b TG Compassion;
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5a TG Jesus Christ,
Mission of Jesus Christ

d 2 Cor. 5:21.
TG Jesus Christ,
Atonement through;
Sin.

7a TG Oppression.
b TG Affliction.
c Mark 14:61; 15:3 (2–14).
d Gen. 22:8 (8–14);
Jer. 11:19;
Moses 14:7 (6–8).

e TG Deceit;
Guile;
Honesty.
10a Gen. 3:15.
b TG Self-Sacrifice.
c Mosiah 15:10 (5–13).
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c TG New and Everlasting Covenant.
d Acts 13:34 (26–41).
4a TG Jesus Christ, Prophecies about.
b Ezek. 34:23.

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c Prov. 14:12.
d Jacob 4:8.
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(“Repent ... That I May Heal You,” GC Oct 2009, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2009, 40).

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4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose *the things* that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

5 Even unto them will I give in mine ^ahouse and within my walls a place and a name better than of ^bsons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

7 Even them will I bring to my holy ^amountain, and make them joyful in my ^bhouse of ^cprayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* ^aaccepted upon mine altar; for mine ^ehouse shall be called an house of prayer for ^fall ^gpeople.

8 The Lord GOD which ^agathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather ^bothers to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

9 ¶ ^aAll ye beasts of the field, come to devour, *yea*, all ye beasts in the forest.

10 His ^awatchmen *are* ^bblind: they are all ignorant, they *are* all dumb

dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

11 *Yea, they are* ^agreedy dogs *which* can never have enough, and they *are* ^bshepherds *that* cannot understand: they all look to their ^cown way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

12 Come ye, *say they*, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, *and* much more abundant.

CHAPTER 57

When the righteous die, they enter into peace—Mercy is promised to the penitent—There is no peace for the wicked.

THE righteous ^aperisheth, and no man layeth *it* to heart: and merciful men *are* taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil *to come*.

2 He shall enter into ^apeace: they shall rest in their beds, *each one* walking *in* his uprightness.

3 ¶ But draw near hither, ye ^asons of the sorceress, the seed of the ^badulterer and the whore.

4 Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, *and* draw out the tongue? *are* ye not ^achildren of transgression, a seed of falsehood,

5 Enflaming yourselves with ^aidols under every green tree, ^bslaying the ^cchildren in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks?

6 Among the smooth *stones* of the stream *is* thy portion; they, they *are* thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast

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9 And thou wentest to the ^aking with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase *thyself even* unto hell.

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21 *There is* no ^apeace, saith my God, to the wicked.

CHAPTER 58

The true law of the fast, with its purposes and attendant blessings, is set forth—The commandment to keep the Sabbath is given.

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9 And thou wentest to the ^aking with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase *thyself even* unto hell.

10 Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way: *yet* saidst thou not

15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth ^aeternity, whose name is ^bHoly; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a ^ccontrite and ^dhumble spirit, to ^erevive the spirit of the ^fhumble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

16 For I will not ^acontend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the ^bsouls *which* I have made.

17 For the ^ainiquity of his ^bcovetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on ^cfrowardly in the way of his heart.

18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will ^alead him also, and restore ^bcomforts unto him and to

the ^afruit of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved.

11 And of whom hast thou been afraid or ^afeared, that thou hast ^blied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid *it* to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?

12 I will ^adeclare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.

13 ¶ When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take *them*: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy ^amountain;

14 ^aAnd shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, ^bprepare the way, take up the ^cstumblingblock out of the way of my people.

19 I create the ^afruit of the lips; Peace, peace to *him that is* ^bfar off, and to *him that is* near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.

20 But the ^awicked *are* like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 *There is no* ^apeace, saith my God, to the wicked.

CHAPTER 58

The true law of the fast, with its purposes and attendant blessings, is set forth—The commandment to keep the Sabbath is given.

CRY aloud, ^aspare not, lift up thy ^bvoice like a ^ctrumpet, and ^dshew my people their ^etransgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.