

v. 19-- He says He creates the Fruit of the lips--He tells us what to say, how to pray, and how to praise Him, and He gives us peace, and each day He heals us more, and brings us nearer to Him.

v. 20-21-- The wicked have no peace--they will always be striving with greed, frustration, etc., and in that striving and churning of the mind evil thoughts and deeds are formed and carried out. They will never be peaceful without resting in the Lord, because peace only comes through Him.

## Chapter 58

v. 1-2-- There are many people who want to please God, but they haven't come to a pure, personal relationship with Him.

v. 3-- "We've fasted, we've sacrificed our pleasures, gone without food, obeyed every church law, gone to services regularly--why doesn't God find pleasure in that?" "Behold!" God says, "It's precisely these things that keep you from me--you rely on these things to please your God". (Psalm 51:16 & 17)

v. 4-- God says, "You obey the laws, and make public shows for others, so they think you are holy, but in your heart you kill others with unkind thoughts."

v. 5-- God says, "Is this what I want from you--to act pious on the outside?"

v. 6-- This is what God wants from us--to dig deep into our hearts and loose the bonds of wickedness--to be truly honest with ourselves and God so He can undo the heavy burdens of our hearts and let our oppressed souls go free.

v. 7-- He wants us to give of ourselves to Him and to others, both in material and spiritual goods, and "Hide not thyself from thy own flesh". Be truly honest with ourselves, and dig deep and be honest with God.

v. 8-- Then, and only then will we see His light. We will be enlightened and recreated in Spirit--born again--and reap all the rights of a Child of God!!

v. 9-- Jesus is there when we speak honestly to Him. He will always answer us, and we will hear Him if we take off the yoke of pride in thinking we can please God of ourselves, pointing the finger at others and saying we're doing more for the church, etc.

v. 10-- And if we stop thinking of ourselves, both materially and spiritually, and put others first, then we will see the light and we will have no darkness--for selfishness is darkness.