TODAY'S SCRIPTURE FOCUS: ISAIAH 58:1-14

"MEANING OF TRUE RELIGION" (Part II)

"If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his own tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless."

James 1:26

"Pure and undefiled religion before GOD and the FATHER is this: to visit orphans and widows...and to keep oneself unspotted..."

James 1:27

STEWARDSHIP:

#1: Resource Allocation

#2: Tithing

#3: Indebtedness

SERMONIC POINTS:

#1: GOALS

#2: 1ST CONDITION

#3: 2ND CONDITION

#4: 4TH CONDITION

SERMONIC PT. #1: GOALS OF TRUE RELIGION

"Is this not the fast...:
TO loose bonds...wickedness,
TO undo the heavy burdens,
TO let...oppressed go free,
THAT...break every yoke?"

Isaiah 58:6

"Is is not:

TO share your bread with the hungry, and

THAT...you bring to your house the poor who are cast out;"

Isaiah 58:7a

SERMONIC PT.#2:
FIRST
CONDITION
OF TRUE
RELIGION

"WHEN you see the naked, that you cover him, and

NOT hide yourself from your own flesh?"

Isaiah 58:7b

"THEN

your light shall break forth
like the morning,
your healing shall spring
forth speedily, and
your righteousness shall go
before you;" (radiation)
Isaiah 58:8a

"(THEN)
...the glory of THE LORD shall be your rear guard."

(protection)

Isaiah 58:8b

SERMONIC PT.#3: SECOND CONDITION OF TRUE RELIGION

"IF you extend your soul to the hungry

AND satisfy the afflicted soul,"

Isaiah 58:10a

"THEN
...your light shall dawn
in the darkness
AND your darkness
shall be as the noonday."
(illumination)

Isaiah 58:10b

"(THEN) THE LORD will guide you continually, (direction) and satisfy your soul in drought and strengthen your bones;"
(satisfaction)
Isaiah 58:11

"(THEN) Those...among you
...build the old waste places;
...raise up the foundations...;
and...called the Repairer of
the Breach, the Restorer of
Streets to Dwell In."

(foundation)
Isaiah 58:12

SERMONIC PT.#4: THIRD CONDITION OF TRUE RELIGION

"IF you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on MY holy day,

AND call the Sabbath a delight..."

Isaiah 58:13a

"AND shall honor HIM, not doing your own ways,

NOR finding your own pleasure,

NOR speaking your own words,"

Isaiah 58:13b

"THEN you shall delight yourself in THE LORD; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father."

(elevation)

Isaiah 58:14

"CRY ALOUD...LIFT UP
YOUR VOICE LIKE A
TRUMPET; TELL MY
PEOPLE..."
Isaiah 58:1
"THE MOUTH OF
THE LORD HAS SPOKEN..."
Isaiah 58:14b