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

“MEANING OF TRUE RELIGION”

“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

SERMONIC POINTS:
#1: GOALS
#2: RESULTS
#3: CONDITIONS

SERMONIC POINT #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 POINT #2:** RESULTS OF TRUE RELIGION

“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*

“(THEN)
...you shall call, and THE
LORD will answer; ”
*(reaction)*
...YOU shall cry, and HE will
say, ‘Here I am.’ ” ”
*(location)*
*Isaiah 58:9*
"THEN ...your light shall dawn in the darkness AND your darkness shall be as the noonday."

*(illuminat)*

_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*

"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*

SERMONIC PT.#3: CONDITION OF TRUE RELIGION

"WHEN you see the naked, that you cover him, and NOT hide yourself from your own flesh?"

_Isaiah 58:7b*
“IF you extend your soul to the hungry
AND satisfy the afflicted soul,”
Isaiah 58:10a

“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

“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