

Isaiah 62 Global Fast Kickoff 5'7'23

May 7 – 28, 2023

Thesis: We are a people who join Jesus on his mission in the earth, together with others. Right now, the Lord is mobilizing millions of believers to fast and pray for the nation of Israel, the city of Jerusalem, and the Jewish people around the world.

God is doing something historic in this hour. Today, we join with millions of believers around the world who are engaging in fasting and who are praying for at least one hour a day for 21 days (May 7-28) for the increase of God's salvation promises and plans for Jerusalem and Israel.

Texts: Isaiah 62:1-12; Psalm 122:6-9; Romans 9 – 11; Jeremiah 31:31-40; 32:37-41; 3:14-18; Zechariah 2:10-12

In [God's Heart for Israel Part 1](#), we talked about what God cares about.

We are a people who care about what God cares about.

1. **God cares about people.** Relationships matter to God. He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The fact that relationships matter to God should encourage each of us. We matter to God.
2. **God cares about keeping the promises which he has made.** Promises matter to God (Joshua 21:45; Matthew 5:18). The fact that promises matter to God should encourage us, because keeps his word.
3. **God cares about process.** Process matters to God. First the natural, then the spiritual (1 Corinthians 15:46). There is a covenant with Abraham. There is a covenant with Israel. Then, there is the new covenant inaugurated by Jesus. The new covenant fulfills everything in the old covenant and puts them together in Christ (see Jeremiah 31 and Hebrews 8:6-12).
4. **God cares about places.** Physical places matter to God. The Lord cares about Israel and about Jerusalem. The land of Israel and the city of Jerusalem matter to God and are chosen by God (Deuteronomy 32:8-10).

In [God's Heart for Israel Part 2](#), we talked about what God feels and wants.

We are a people who feel what God feels and who want what God wants.

1. So the angel who spoke with me said to me, "Proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I am zealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with great zeal"'" (Zechariah 1:14 NKJV).
2. Again the word of the LORD of hosts came, saying, 2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; With great fervor I am zealous for her'" (Zechariah 8:1-2 NKJ).
3. God is zealous, jealous for Jerusalem, the land of Israel, and the Jewish people. (See Isaiah 62 and Romans 9 – 11.)

In [God's Heart for Israel Part 3](#), we talked about joining Jesus on his mission in the earth, together with others.

1. We talked about how we can participate in this time of fasting and prayer.
2. We talked about some ways that people get off track in dealing with Israel, Jerusalem, and the Jewish people.
3. We talked about a few key Scriptures which help us understand what the Lord is doing in this hour and give us vocabulary for our prayers.

This morning, I want to remind you about **ways to participate** in [The Isaiah 62 Global 21-Days of Prayer and Fasting](#) (May 7-28, 2023).

Here are the ways you can participate.

1. Engage some level of **fasting for 21 days**, as much as you have the grace to do.
 - a. Water or juice only fast.
 - b. Daniel Fast or modified Daniel Fast: abstaining from certain foods like meats and sweets.
 - c. Fasting 2 meals a day.
 - d. Fasting 1 meal a day.
 - e. Fasting a day or 2 or 3 a week.
 - f. Fasting from other things like social media, TV, etc.
2. **Participate in corporate prayer at Calvary as you have a chance.**
 - a. The Prayer Room at Calvary will have extended hours to join with the IHOPKC live stream.
3. **Stream** the [IHOPKC Prayer Room](#) meetings on your devices and computers.
 - a. Maybe some of you can participate in the night watches.
4. **Summary:** Join with millions to engage in prayer for Israel each day for at least one hour—alone or with 2 or more (Matthew 18:20) virtually or in-person—to pray for Israel and to ask the Spirit to mark 100 million with God's heart for Jerusalem, the nation of Israel, and the Jewish people on May 28.
5. **Remember:** fasting and prayer are never convenient.

- a. There is a grace to do what you can do.
- b. We want to call you to do as the Lord calls you.
- c. Together, we are embracing what God is doing and responding to his leadership.

Here are the ways in which you can participate in our corporate prayer meetings and live streaming [at Calvary during the 21-Day Isaiah 62 Fast](#).

1. **Daily corporate prayer meetings in the Prayer Room.**
 - a. Monday through Friday noon prayer: 12:00 – 1:00pm.
 - b. Monday night worship and prayer. 7:00 – 8:30pm.
 - c. Tuesday morning prayer. 10:00am – 12:00pm.
 - d. Thursday morning worship and prayer. 6:00 – 8:00am.
 - e. Friday night worship and prayer. 7:00 – 9:00pm.
 - i. Meet in The Cove on May 12.
 - ii. Meet in the Prayer Room on May 19, 26.
 - f. Saturday morning prayer. 8:00 – 9:00am.
 - i. Meet in The Cove on May 13.
 - ii. Meet in the Prayer Room on May 20, 27.
 - g. Sunday morning worship. 10:00am.
2. **IHOPKC streaming opportunities at Calvary.**
 - a. Monday, 9:00am – 7:00pm.
 - b. Wednesday, 9:00am – 12:00pm.
 - c. Thursday, 8:00am – 12:00pm.
3. **Sunday, May 28, Pentecost Sunday.**
 - a. Worship and prayer service. 10:00am.
 - b. We will join with 100 million intercessors to pray for Israel and to ask the Spirit to mark 100 million intercessors for ongoing prayer for Israel.

Here are a few key Scriptures which help us understand what the Lord is doing in this hour and give us vocabulary for our prayers.

1. **Isaiah 62:1-12 presents one of clearest and most concise revelations of the glory of the Lord over Jerusalem, the nation of Israel, and the Jewish people.**
 - a. I believe that the person speaking is the Anointing One from Isaiah 61. I believe this is Jesus, that Isaiah got to hear Christ's heart for his Jewish people, for Jerusalem, and for the nation of Israel.
 - b. *Isaiah 62:1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. 2 The nations will see your righteousness,*

and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. 3 You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. 4 No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. 5 As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you. 6 I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest, 7 and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth. 8 The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "Never again will I give your grain as food for your enemies, and never again will foreigners drink the new wine for which you have toiled; 9 but those who harvest it will eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather the grapes will drink it in the courts of my sanctuary." 10 Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations. 11 The LORD has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.'" 12 They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the LORD; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted (Isaiah 62:1-12).

2. **Jeremiah 31:31-40; 32:37-41; 3:14-18.** These passages are a clear snapshot of the old and new covenants, of how they are tied together, and how they are finished and fulfilled in Jesus.
 - a. The Old Covenant is finished and fulfilled in Jesus' New Covenant according to Hebrews 8:6-12.
 - b. We don't go back and live in the Old Covenant. God is putting together the natural and spiritual. The old will be fulfilled in Christ; we are not going back to the Old Covenant.
 - c. Jeremiah 31:31 "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. 33 "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness

and will remember their sins no more.” 35 This is what the LORD says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar— the LORD Almighty is his name: 36 “Only if these decrees vanish from my sight,” declares the LORD, “will the descendants of Israel ever cease to be a nation before me.” 37 This is what the LORD says: “Only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done,” declares the LORD. 38 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when this city will be rebuilt for me from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. 39 The measuring line will stretch from there straight to the hill of Gareb and then turn to Goah. 40 The whole valley where dead bodies and ashes are thrown, and all the terraces out to the Kidron Valley on the east as far as the corner of the Horse Gate, will be holy to the LORD. The city will never again be uprooted or demolished” (Jeremiah 31:31-40).

- d. Hebrews 8:6 But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises. 7 For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. 8 But God found fault with the people and said: “The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. 9 It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord. 10 This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 11 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. 12 For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more” (Hebrews 8:6-12).
- e. I will surely gather them from all the lands where I banish them in my furious anger and great wrath; I will bring them back to this place and let them live in safety. 38 They will be my people, and I will be their God. 39 I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me for their own good and the good of their children after them. 40 I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. 41 I will rejoice in doing them good and will

assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul (Jeremiah 32:37-41).

- f. “Return, faithless people,” declares the LORD, “for I am your husband. I will choose you—one from a town and two from a clan—and bring you to Zion. 15 Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding. 16 In those days, when your numbers have increased greatly in the land,” declares the LORD, “men will no longer say, ‘The ark of the covenant of the LORD.’ It will never enter their minds or be remembered; it will not be missed, nor will another one be made. 17 **At that time they will call Jerusalem The Throne of the LORD**, and all nations will gather in Jerusalem to honor the name of the LORD. No longer will they follow the stubbornness of their evil hearts. 18 In those days the house of Judah will join the house of Israel, and together they will come from a northern land to the land I gave your forefathers as an inheritance” (Jeremiah 3:14-18).
 - i. The ark of the covenant won’t be our focus because the Lord himself in his presence is what matters.
3. **Zechariah 2:10-12. The Lord chooses and inherits the land of Israel and God chooses Jerusalem as his capital on earth forever.**
 - a. “Shout and be glad, O Daughter of Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you,” declares the LORD. 11 “Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. 12 The LORD will **inherit** Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again **choose Jerusalem**” (Zechariah 2:10-12).
 - b. Again, the Lord desires to put the Jewish people and other nations together in the Lord. We will be his people and he will live among us.
 - c. And, the Lord will inherit his people in the land of Israel and will choose Jerusalem forever.
4. **In Psalm 122, we are commanded to pray for the peace of Jerusalem:** *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May those who love you be secure. 7 May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.” 8 For the sake of my brothers and friends, I will say, “Peace be within you.” 9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity (Psalm 122:6-9).*
5. **In Romans 9 – 11, we see God’s plan for Israel spelled out clearly.**
 - a. Paul taught that God will use Gentile believers to provoke the nation of Israel to embrace Jesus in the end times.
 - b. Romans 11:11 ...to provoke them [Israel] to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles...13I magnify my ministry, 14 if by any means I may provoke [Israel] to jealousy... 15 If their [Israel’s] being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead [blessing for the whole earth]? (Romans 11:11-15).

Summary:

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- Calvary, let's do this!

Resources for the Isaiah 62 Fast

1. **Isaiah 62 Fast:** <https://isaiah62fast.com/>
2. **Video 1:** https://youtu.be/Z4GfG_i8cpl about the Isaiah 62 Fast. (6:14)
3. **Video 2:** <https://youtu.be/K-KyEspxhIU> video about the 100 million intercessors. (4:45)
4. **Video 3:** https://youtu.be/AOjoXj_mmg short vision video. (0:54)
5. **Handout:** <https://isaiah62fast.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/The-Isaiah-62-Global-21-Days-of-Prayer-and-Fasting-May-7-28-2023-1.pdf>
6. **Prayer Guide:** [*The Heart of God for Israel: A 21-Day Prayer Guide*](#) for the [21-Day Isaiah 62 Global Fast](#).
 - a. And, [here is a copy of the Scriptures from the prayer guide](#).
7. **Resource book:** [*Your People Shall Be My People: How Israel, the Jews and the Christian Church Will Come Together in the Last Days*](#), Don Finto.
8. **Sermon:** [*Isaiah 62 Fast: The Isaiah 62 Global 21-Days of Prayer and Fasting, May 7-28, 2023*](#).

Fasting Resources

- [*Understanding the New Testament Call to Fasting* \(Mike Bickle\)](#)
- [Fasting Guidelines from IHOPKC](#)
- [Practical tips for fasting from Luke 18](#)
- [*The Rewards of Fasting* \(Mike Bickle free ebook\)](#)
- [*A Hunger for God: Desiring God through Fasting and Prayer* \(John Piper free ebook\)](#)
- [*The Making of an Ordinary Saint: My Journey from Frustration to Joy with the Spiritual Disciplines* \(Nathan Foster\)](#)
- [*Celebration of Discipline* \(Richard Foster\)](#)