

# Religious Masquerade

Isaiah 58:1-5

## i. God Hates \_\_\_\_\_ in Worship (v 2)

- publicize
- play
- protest
- right worship is not \_\_\_\_\_ 'til u make it but \_\_\_\_\_ it 'til He makes it
- right worship does \_\_\_\_\_ things with a \_\_\_\_\_ heart
- repugnant worship does \_\_\_\_\_ things with a \_\_\_\_\_ heart

## ii. God Hates \_\_\_\_\_ in Worship (v 3b)

- pleasure
- punch
- pray
- peeve

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**Study:** What was the most inconvenient place you had to wear a mask during COVID?

1. What did God command Isaiah to *trumpet*? Why was it unusual (v 1, Ps 103:8-14)?
2. Why did Isaiah preach like a trumpet (v 2, 57:20-21, Am 5:21-27, Ja 4:6)?
3. How does “as if” expose false piety or a religious mask (v 2, Mt 23:27-28, 1 Ti 1:5)?
4. What’s wrong with Israel’s protests (v 3, Ma 3:13-15, Lk 20:46-47)?
5. How do the contrite contrast this group (compare 57:15,18-19 & vv 1-3)?
6. How is fasting defined? How many were commanded? When (Le 16:29-31)?
7. How is pleasure or profit the opposite of true fasting (v 3b, 56:11-12, 57:12,17)?
8. What did the “hangry” fasters do wrong? (v 4, Lk 18:9-14)?
9. How does a “wicked fist” effect our prayer life (v 4b, Ps 66:18)?
10. Whose pleasure or profit alone must we seek by faith in worship (v 5, Mt 6:16-18)?

## Apply

1. Is your worship right or repugnant (vv 2-3 & principles on back)?
2. Is God peeved or pleased with your worship? How can you know (v 5, He 11:1-4)?

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3. How does the Lord's Supper unmask God in Christ Jesus (1 Co 11:23-26)?

### **Pray**

Pray that our highest aim in worship is pleasing God by sincere faith.