

# Let's Worship God

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## **Monday - Isaiah 57:3-13 - The Deadly Disease of Idolatry**

An idol isn't merely a false god that is worshipped through a carved piece of wood or stone or metal. An idol is anything or any idea that you commit your life to in opposition to the living and true God. Idolatry brings ongoing judgment. It brings worse and worse sin. And that sin brings about more and more idolatry.

God begins here by summoning the idolatrous people, summoning the false sheep to His judgment throne. He's talking about the behavior of their parents and their forefathers that they have followed. What they have done is not only continuing in their parents' sin, but when they were confronted initially by God, they made faces at Him. This is contempt of God's court. In verses 5-9, we see the charges of idolatry with all its filth. They went on in their idolatry till they were exhausted. But they still didn't say, 'There is no hope in the things we have trusted. Let us return to Jehovah.' They were not saddened by their sin or its consequences. They feared someone else. They feared their idols. God had spoken to them, and they refused to listen. Is there any hope for such sinners? In verse 12-13a, we see there is no hope for such sinners if they persist in their sin, if they persist in their idols, ancient or modern. Many act like Christians in many ways, and they think that God will be pleased with them because they are good people. God says to them: 'You aren't righteous and you have no good works in yourself. You do what you think is right. You do not have the motive of love for me. You have love for yourself, and you do not have the goal of my glory.' God says, 'When you cry out, when trouble comes, when my judgment comes to you, let your collection of idols deliver you.'

Is there any hope for such sinners? There is only one hope. But it's a sure hope. And we see that in the end of verse 13. What is the holy mountain? It's the place where Christ dwells and rules. It's the Church. All who trust, then, in Jehovah, all who trust in His covenant blessings, all who trust in the covenant Head, the Lord Jesus Christ, Whom the Father has sent. shall possess the land, shall inherit the holy mountain, shall have God's blessing, an abundant and everlasting life forevermore. From the deadly and disgusting disease of idolatry they shall be healed. Life they shall have in the living and true God and Jesus Christ, Whom He has sent.

### **Questions**

1. What is idolatry?
2. Why did these people think they were ok?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray that you would get rid of any idols in your life.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

"I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite." Isaiah 57:15b

**Praise: Psalm 17- See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Tuesday - Isaiah 57:14 - Sin Cleared Away**

What we have here is a picture of sin cleared away. It's hard to get to God when the way is blocked with sin. And believe me, friends, we have much sin in our lives, and it needs to be heaped up and gotten out of the way. But we are dead in our sins, and we can't move them out of the way. Jesus must remove that sin. Big sinners, foolish sinners, tired sinners, polluted sinners, guilty sinners, poor sinners, persistent sinners, hard sinners, despairing sinners - is there any hope for them? Jesus died in the place of sinners, the death that sinners deserve. He takes all that blocks your access to the Father, and He moves it so that anyone who wishes to come to God through Him may come. Because we are great sinners, Jesus must pile it up high. But for Him there is no problem. Because as much as sin in our lives can pile up, we have the promise in the Bible, that where sin has abounded, grace has more abounded. We find that, in Romans 5:20, no matter how great your sin, Jesus will cover it. Jesus will plow it out of the way if you will come to Him.

Jesus is the way. He is the road. He is the street. He is the highway. And He has made a way to His Father through Who He is and what He has done. What are the obstructions that this verse talks about? They are problems within us. The problem is we each have a bad heart. We have cold, dead, hard, stony hearts. That is the way we are without Jesus Christ. That is how we begin our life. That is how we come out from the womb. That is how we continue to live. We are full of sin. These are stumbling blocks indeed. They need to be cleared out of the way. And that is what Jesus does by His person and work. He gives us a new heart. And what about our bad record? Jesus says, 'I'll take that. Here, you take mine.' He switches with us so that the stumbling block is clear, the way is open, the obstacles are removed, and the sinner is redeemed. Christian, all this Jesus has done for you, think about it again and delight in it!

### **Questions**

1. What blocks our way to God?
2. How does Jesus deal with it?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks that Christ deals with sin.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

“I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”  
Isaiah 57:15b

**Praise:** Psalm 18 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.

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## **Wednesday - Isaiah 57:15 - The Holy Deliverer**

First, we see how God is separate from us. It is because we are by nature not only creatures and He the Creator; a difference that shall never, ever be removed, but we are sinful creatures as well. He always will be high above us and different from us. He is far beyond all the limitations we have, far beyond our ability to understand fully. He reveals to us Who He is and what He is like. He shows us His wonderful character. He shows us in the world around us. He shows it within us. For even though we're sinners, even though the image of God is broken, we still have that broken image of God. Most especially, we see Him revealed in His Word, the written Word here in the Bible, and in Jesus Himself, who is the Word, Who has become flesh. We can understand Him truly, but we can never understand Him fully.

We secondly read that He inhabits eternity. God is not limited to time. Everything is before Him all at once. Because He inhabits eternity, He never changes. He is always holy. And what He reveals of Himself in His Word always stays the same. His eternal desire and plan to save sinners does not change. And for you believers, His everlasting purposes of love do not change. Your circumstances may, under His wise and guiding hand, but His purpose does not change. It is always, through the good times and the bad times, to make you more holy, to make you more conformed to Jesus Christ, to make you more fitted for heaven, to make you more able to enjoy His person and presence.

His Name is Holy. This means His entire character is holy. He is set apart from all the sin, and filth, and brokenness in this world. He is beautiful, and bright, and shining in his purity. He cannot abide and ever hates all that is sinful, all that is what we would call unrighteous or unjust. He is utterly right and true.

We read that this high and holy God Who inhabits eternity also dwells with the contrite and lowly. A humble or lowly one is one who is not high and exalted, but low, who knows that he is a sinner. A contrite one is weeping over the wickedness that he has done, won't even look up to heaven, but smites himself upon his chest and says, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'. God is with His creatures, God is with those whose hearts He graciously changes. He indwells us in the person of His Spirit.

### **Question**

1. What does this tell us about God?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks that God is near to His people.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

"I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite." Isaiah 57:15b

**Praise: Psalm 19 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## Thursday - Isaiah 57:16- Not Angry Forever

We have read much of God's cursings of the wicked. Sinners in those days, and in New Testament days, and in our own day are guilty. In fact, all of us are more wicked than we realize. We do not understand the depth of our sin. The Holy Spirit comes to sinners, and the first thing that He does generally is help them to wake up to understand how sinful they really are. We come to see what a high and holy God Jehovah is. We see that there is no way for us, of ourselves, to get to God. In fact, we see that there is much that we deserve from God, none of it good. We deserve His justice. We deserve His judgment. We deserve His wrath. That is what we deserve. When we come to be awakened to this, it is scary, and there's no getting away from it. The sinner who has awakened to his terrible place, to the terrible situation he is in, fears God will be angry with him forever and ever. It can be hard to imagine that God's anger will be turned away. How can that be? Will God change in His character? No. Rather it is because someone else has said, 'Father, what they deserve I will take.' The Father happily allowed the Son to do it. The sinner comes to look to Jesus, comes to place himself under Jesus, and therefore he is shielded and protected from the wrath of God, since the Son takes it for him. Now that we are in Jesus Christ, now that we have believed these promises which may have seemed at one time too good to be true for such sinners as we are, we see God's grace is far greater than our sin.

We have believed upon Him. But to our shame and to our grief, we are not yet completely holy. We are not completely wise. And so as foolish and immature children, we often need discipline, which is often unpleasant. We must learn that sin brings misery, and only holiness brings happiness. God says right here that His discipline will go no further than it needs to. It will never go too far. Our Father disciplines us for our good. It may feel the same as if He is punishing, but it has a different motivation, and it has a different goal. It is not judicial retribution. It is not out of wrath and anger. It is out of love toward the end of holiness and dwelling with Him forevermore.

### Question

1. Who takes the punishment due to us for our sin?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the forgiveness we have in Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

"I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite." Isaiah 57:15b

**Praise:** Psalm 20 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.

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## Friday - Isaiah 57:17-19 - Sin Seen; Sin Healed

The sad fact is, that Christians still sin. We don't like it anymore, and it doesn't consume our lives like it did once before. And we're getting away from it more and more. But it's still there. There are many Christians who have significant, nasty struggles with sin. There are some Christian people who have problems with ongoing temptation, who even have sins that seem to dominate their entire lives. They hate it, they fight it. Sometimes they see some progress, but a lot of the time they feel so discouraged. From time to time, they even fall back into it for a time.

We see a particular sin mentioned here in verse 17 - unjust gain or covetousness. Covetousness is wanting things and not being content with what God has given you; wanting things and thinking your life will not be happy until and unless you have what you want. Covetousness is idolatry. It is a root of all sorts of other sins. God saw this in His people, and God was angry. Instead of turning around, they kept on going making things even worse. Left to ourselves, this is the way we always go.

God says that He has seen their ways, but He will heal them. This is grace, this is kindness. Only God can turn us when we're going off in our own stupid, foolish, and wicked way. And in covenant love, in and through Jesus, He does do so, whatever the sin might be, no matter, in fact, that sinners have foolishly persisted in it. God will heal. Here is a promise of comfort for those who mourn for sin, and who yearn for peace. It is for those who are far away, those who are Gentiles, who someday will come to Jesus Christ, and for those who are near, the remnant of the Jews.

Oh, Christian, oppressed by a sin that so strongly remains within you, fighting against it and wearily wondering, will I ever see victory? Yes, God has seen the sin, seen it through and through. God has seen the sin in your life from its start at your conception to its end. He sent His Son to live and to die and be resurrected so that sin would be forgiven. He has given His Spirit of holiness to dwell within you, so that your sin would be cleansed away. Our God so kindly deals with us when we need it, He afflicts when we need it, He turns away for a time, but oh, so often does He retrieve us from our sin by kindness that just breaks our heart and remolds it then so that we are closer to Jesus Christ. You shall have healing, you shall have comfort, you shall have peace, you shall have all things in Jesus Christ.

### Question

1. What can encourage us in our fight against sin?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would put sin to death daily.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

"I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite." Isaiah 57:15b

**Praise: Psalm 21 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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## **Saturday - Isaiah 57:20-21 - No Peace for the Wicked**

The wicked are like a troubled sea when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. For them, there is no peace. Now, they may think their way is more pleasant. They may think it's more sensible, more rational. They may think that their ideas are calculated to bring them the life that they want. They will define or redefine what is right and wrong. They will refine and revise what's good and bad, what's true and false, what's black and white, if they can. They work hard to effect the changes that they want to see. They do not want King Jesus to rule over them. They will twist what they see in nature that speaks to them of God. And those professing to be wise, will take the words of Scripture and grotesquely twist them about to try and tell you, believer, that you are wrong.

The ocean is never still. The wicked are this way. They can never find anything in which to rest. They constantly go from one thing to another, trying to find rest, trying to find contentment, trying to find meaning, trying to find peace, but they cannot ever. Constantly, the dirt and the filth in their hearts is being stirred up. That filth keeps washing up before God.

These wicked ones know that they are guilty. They repress that knowledge, but they know they are guilty. It takes a lot of effort, a lot of work to keep that knowledge down for a while. But it has a really dismaying habit of bubbling up to the surface. They see it. They know God sees it, and that frightens them terribly. And they hate Him because they want to keep on sinning. And He is in their way. Nothing in the life of the wicked, nothing in the life of those not right with God can satisfy.

The only way of peace is through our Lord Jesus Christ. Sinners who see their sin, sinners that heed the good news, that Jesus came to save sinners and that God will forgive sin in and through Him, sinners who say, 'Jesus, be merciful to me', a sinner who cries that not only with their lips and their voice, but from the heart, those receive peace, those receive forgiveness.

### **Questions**

1. Do unbelievers have peace?
2. What is the only way of peace?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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**Praise: Psalm 22 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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