

Repairers of the Ancient Ruins, Part 1

(See also Breaking of Bread, 13 February 1993 about this).

Isa 58:12-13 — At the end of the age there will be people who will restore the ancient foundation — repair ancient ruins. He gave us breath for this reason, and we don't even know what it is.

It says that you will be called "repairer of the ancient walls." Who wants to repair ancient walls? This is what we were born for. When you were born, you took that first breath. Sometimes it takes a few minutes to receive that first breath of life.

Sometimes we forget what we are doing. We forget why we're working at Segunda Eva, cooking meals, caring for children, working at the farm in the mud. The rest of the world doesn't have a real purpose, but we have a real purpose — repairer of the broken wall, the breach in the wall. Ancient ruins will be rebuilt. We will build up the foundations of that which has been laid waste for generations.

What is the breach in the wall? The walls were broken. Anyone or anything could pass through that broken wall. But we are going to restore those breaches and people will have to go through the gate to get in. They will have to go through YAHSHUA. He will look you in the eye and you will see your sin and call on His name and He will save. You come in through the Savior. He brings you in through the gates — not a breach. That is the age-old foundation. Not just anyone can walk in and say, "I want to break bread with you tonight." The ruins are there for generations and generations.

Restoration — Isa 58:13 also speaks of restoration. The Sabbath — keep it honorable. If you call the Sabbath a delight, call it honorable, not going your own way, not doing what you want, i.e., speaking idle words, words that don't go anywhere, running off at the mouth — diarrhea of the mouth. It's YHWH's holy day. You are to call it honorable, not doing as you please (abstain from trips — don't get in your car and go to the other side of town to church), speaking idle words. (When the car is in idle, it just runs — it's not going anywhere.) Can we not

do this? Will this hurt us? Have we ever spoken an idle word? Does every word you speak have a purpose? (Mt 12:36-37). One day we will have to give account for every idle word. One day we will be justified by our words or condemned. We need to have help from the Holy Spirit.

What is the promise in Isa 58:14? This is very significant — the result of this godly life.

Isa 56:3,6 — The Israel we are talking about, Israel (rulers with Elohim), your home, where you live. The strangers, foreigners who have joined themselves to YHWH, who will enter into and turn into the holy nation and serve him. What could be greater than to be a servant of YAHSHUA? That is my highest ambition. I have no other. What could be greater than to be a servant of the Creator and love the name of YAHSHUA, YHWH's salvation, and to worship Him? "To all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and hold fast My covenant." What is the promise? We are no longer separated from the promises (Eph 2:12) as we were one time when we were outside in the world. What could be worse than to be without hope, without God and in the world?

Then verse 7 is the most wonderful verse — it tells us who we are and where we are going, "These I'll bring to My holy mountain and make joyful in My house of prayer." We are being gathered now as a nucleus. When that foundation is solidly laid, then He will bring in more and build that house. We are part of this foundation. Isn't that wonderful? [Yet only 50% will pay attention and only 50% will care.]

Manoah: We're hearing the voice of the prophet of long ago that can give us much hope — the restorer of the breach. If we follow His path and have a desire to follow His path, to raise the walls, He'll give us joy and peace in our hearts because we love Him. We're being grafted in. We were strangers, pagans, seeking our own desire. Now it's being revealed — the ancient foundation. To prepare together is a delight. We're not seeking our own desires anymore. Grafted into the old foundations. We were created for this, to lift up the age-old standard, the path of wisdom.

Chanowk: I'm thankful to know why I was born. Did you ever wonder why you were created? You reach a certain age and you start to realize that the world is in confusion and going down the sewer. Here I heard why I was born. What else can we do but restore everything back to order. Just imagine, we're repairing the walls

of the city where God is going to live. Nothing filthy can dwell there. Nothing filthy can enter into those walls.

David Israel ben Melek: I'm thankful that I breathe. I know this breath comes from my Father in heaven. I was totally led by the evil one of this world and I didn't even know. Now I know why I'm breathing.

Remember, we were redeemed by the blood of the Son of Man for the same purpose that we were created for. Redemption isn't greater than creation. Man fell from his original purpose and he is being redeemed for the same purpose for which he was created. It's recorded in the first word and last word of the Bible.

We want to offer ourselves to our God as the apostle Paul exhorted (2 Tim 2:8), without difference of opinion. No one else can do it except the Holy Spirit in us. We hold our hands up to say our hands are clean — our hearts are pure.

Yadutan: Isa 56:6 — We don't profane the Sabbath anymore. And we are keeping his commandments. Here is where we are festive, where we rejoice. This is His holy mountain. He can accept our offerings, our prayers, our sacrifice!

Nahaliel: Rom 12:1-2 connects with this — our sacrifice, spiritual service.