

The King's Justice

Read Isaiah 56:1-2

- 1) Why should Isaiah's readers 'keep justice and do righteousness'? (56:1)
- 2) What's the condition of the one who keeps the Sabbath and refrains from doing evil? (56:2)
- 3) In what way should 21st century Christians keep the Sabbath?
- 4) What evil do you most struggle to keep your hand from doing?

Read Isaiah 56:3

- 4) Why were eunuchs and foreigners outcasts in Israel? (Deut 23:1-8; Lv 22:24-25, Ex12:48-49)

Read Isaiah 56:4-7

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| 5) What is now promised to eunuchs? | Why? | On what conditions? |
| 6) What is now promised to foreigners? | Why? | On what conditions? |
| 7) What is God's purpose in all this? (56:7) | | |

Read Isaiah 56:8

- 8) What response would God expect to get to this revelation from his people -
 - i) who were living in Jerusalem while the city and temple were being rebuilt?
 - ii) who are living in Sydney in 2011?

Read Acts 8:26-40

- 9) Who are the outcasts that we should be most concerned to see included in Christ?