

Is not this the fast that I have chosen

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Isaiah 58:6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen?

*to loose the bands of wickedness,
to undo the heavy burdens,
and to let the oppressed go free,
and that ye break every yoke?*

Isaiah 58:7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry,
and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house?
when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not
thyself from thine own flesh?

**HAVE WE EVER SEEN THE NAKEDNESS OF A BROTHER OR SISTER?
HAVE WE THEN TOLD OUR OTHER BRETHREN?**

OR.....

HAVE WE COVERED THEIR NAKEDNESS?

(Not physical nakedness, nor physical covering)

*Genesis 9:18-24 And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were
Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.*

*These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was
the whole earth overspread And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he
planted a vineyard: And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was
uncovered within his tent. And **Ham, the father of Canaan**, saw the
nakedness of his father, and **told his two brethren** without. And **Shem and
Japheth** took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went
backward, and **covered the nakedness** of their father; and their faces were
backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. And Noah awoke
from his wine, and knew what his
younger son (Ham, the father of Canaan) had done unto him.*

*(Genesis 9:22 And **Ham, the father of Canaan**, saw the nakedness of his
father, and **told his two brethren** without.)*

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Genesis 9:25-29 And he said, **Cursed be Canaan**; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died

Numbers 12:1 And **Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses** because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

Numbers 12:10-11 And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon **Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous**. And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein **we have done foolishly**, and wherein we have sinned.

See 1Cor 11:30-32 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would **judge ourselves**, we should **not be judged**. But **when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.**

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Zecharia 7: (like Isaiah 58) 4. Then came the word of the Lord of hosts unto me, saying,

5. Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, **When ye fasted** and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, **did ye at all fast unto me**, even to me?

6. And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?
7. **Should ye not hear the words which the Lord hath cried by the former prophets**, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain?
8. And the word of the Lord came unto Zechariah, saying,
9. Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, **Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:**
10. **And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.**
11. But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and **stopped their ears, that they should not hear.**
12. Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and **the words which the Lord of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets:** therefore came a great wrath from the Lord of hosts.

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How do we cover their nakedness?

1Jn 5:14 *And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we should ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*

1Jn 5:15 *And if we know that He hears us, whatever we may ask, we know that we have the requests that we have requested from Him.*

1Jn 5:16 *If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and He shall give him life for those who do not sin unto death. There is a sin leading to death. I do not say that he should ask about that.*

1Jn 5:17 *All unrighteousness is sin, and **there is sin not leading to death.***

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