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- 199 *fa* Isa. 58:3 What good is fasting if you don't get rewarded for it?
- 199.16 *gc* Henry Adams' book -- Medieval times were Golden Age of world
Tells of French peasants disappointment with the church
after all the effort they put into building cathedrals.
Their lives were no happier after all this effort.
- 200.13 *fr* We afflict our souls, but God shows no sign He is pleased
- 14 *pc* 58:3 has really two parts
part a) presents a problem
b) gives the answer vs. 3b,4
Your heart is set on your own pleasure rather
than upon God's will. It's lip service to God
rather than heart service.
- 24 *gw* 58:4
- 201 this is not the way to reach the Lord. Your heart is unchanged.
- 58:5 *se* Rebuke. The meaning of fasting and what is necessary in fasting
to be worthwhile
- 201.24 *fr* 58:6 Your activity means nothing if without this practical result
- 202 58:6,7 They went thro the form of worship but were actually seeking
their own advancement. Their righteousness was only an outward
show. Harder to reach the self-righteous than the one who knows
he is unrighteous.
- 203 Main emphasis in section beginning with ch. 56 is on the people after
their return from exile.
- 203.16 *id* References to idolatry
Idolatry after the exile was rare
- 204 *se* 58: 1st half rebuke; 2nd half blessing
- 204.17 *fr* Blessing introduced in a conditional way
- 58:8 *so* The conditional blessings He will give them
- 205.1 *re* "rear-ward" not re-reward. Rearguard
ward is guard
- 205.5 The Lord is protecting you from the back; your righteousness
protects you from the front. Blessing on the one sincerely
devoted to the Lord.
- 205.22 58:9-10
58:11 The Lord shall guide thee continually (if we follow Him sincerely)
First step in guidance -- make sure we really want to follow His
Guidance
- 206.6 *gc* Must have proper attitude of mind if expect God's guidance
- 12 *sp* 58:12 Sounds more like conditions after the exile than before.
Yet written before the exile ever came.