

*Isaiah 59:1-21*

*BEHOLD, THE Master's hand is not shortened at all, that it cannot save, nor His ear dull with deafness, that it cannot hear.*

*But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your the Father, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.*

*For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue mutters wickedness.*

*None sues or calls in righteousness [but for the sake of doing injury to others--to take some undue advantage]; no one goes to law honestly and pleads [his case] in truth; they trust in emptiness, worthlessness and futility, and speaking lies! They conceive mischief and bring forth evil!*

*They hatch adders' eggs and weave the spider's web; he who eats of their eggs dies, and [from an egg] which is crushed a viper breaks out [for their nature is ruinous, deadly, evil].*

*Their webs will not serve as clothing, nor will they cover themselves with what they make; their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.*

*Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood. Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; desolation and destruction are in their paths and highways.*

*The way of peace they know not, and there is no justice or right in their goings. They have made them into crooked paths; whoever goes in them does not know peace.*

*[Rom\_3:15-18]*

*Therefore are justice and right far from us, and righteousness and salvation do not overtake us. We expectantly wait for light, but [only] see darkness; for brightness, but we walk in obscurity and gloom.*

*We grope for the wall like the blind, yes, we grope like those who have no eyes. We stumble at noonday as in the twilight; in dark places and among those who are full of life and vigor, we are as dead men.*

*We all groan and growl like bears and moan plaintively like doves. We look for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us.*

*For our transgressions are multiplied before You [O Master], and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know and recognize them [as]:*

*Rebelling against and denying the Master, turning away from following our the Father, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving in and muttering and moaning from the heart words of falsehood.*

*Justice is turned away backward, and righteousness (uprightness and right standing with the Father) stands far off; for truth has fallen in the street (the city's forum), and uprightness cannot enter [the courts of justice].*

*Yes, truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. And the Master saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice.*

*And He saw that there was no man and wondered that there was no intercessor [no one to intervene on behalf of truth and right]; therefore His own arm brought Him victory, and His own righteousness [having the Spirit without measure] sustained Him. [Isa\_53:11; Col\_2:9; 1Jn\_2:1-2]*

*For [the Master] put on righteousness as a breastplate or coat of mail, and salvation as a helmet upon His head; He put on garments of vengeance for clothing and was clad with zeal [and furious divine jealousy] as a cloak. [Eph\_6:14, Eph\_6:17; 1Th\_5:8] According as their deeds deserve, so will He repay wrath to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; on the foreign islands and coastlands He will make compensation.*

*So [as the result of the Messiah's intervention] they shall [reverently] fear the name of the Master from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Master will lift up a standard against him and put him to flight [for He will come like a rushing stream which the breath of the Master drives]. [Mat\_8:11; Luk\_13:29]*

*He shall come as a Redeemer to Zion and to those in Jacob (Israel) who turn from transgression, says the Master.*

*As for Me, this is My covenant or league with them, says the Master: My Spirit, Who is upon you [and Who writes the law of the Father inwardly on the heart], and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouths of your [true, spiritual] children, or out of the mouths of your children's children, says the Master, from henceforth and forever. [Jer\_31:33; Rom\_11:26-27; Gal\_3:29; Heb\_12:22-24]. End of quote.*