

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SERMON NOTES
JUNE 06, 2021**

**"SERMON IN A BAG: Blessed to be a Blessing"
Isaiah 58:5-11**

"Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk,

¹⁰ and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

¹¹ The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."

Our object for this morning is _____

Obviously, they are used _____

It got me thinking about our passage for this morning because...

1) _____

2) _____

Our text is a portion of a larger passage in which God pleads with His people to evaluate their spiritual lives and practices (always a worthwhile endeavor). He does this because they are going

through the motions, checking certain "spiritual boxes", while missing the point entirely.

A. God's intent for His people is that they/we would (be a blessing)...

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

B. His promises to them/us include (to bless them/us), he will...

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

There is an old Gospel tune which distills "the point" down to sublime simplicity:

You and I have _____

"Let's commit ourselves to be a people who live according to God's design for us so that we might be blessed and be a blessing to others in His Name!"