

Isaiah 56

New King James Version (NKJV)

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Salvation for the Gentiles

1 Thus says the LORD:

“ Keep justice, and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come, And My righteousness to be revealed.

2 Blessed is the man who does this,
And the son of man who lays hold on it; Who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

3 Do not let the son of the foreigner Who has joined himself to the LORD Speak, saying,

“ The LORD has utterly separated me from His people”;

Nor let the eunuch say,

“ Here I am, a dry tree.”

4 For thus says the LORD:

“ To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, And
choose what pleases Me,
And hold fast My covenant,

5 Even to them I will give in My house

And within My walls a place and a name Better
than that of sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name That shall
not be cut off.

6 “ Also the sons of the foreigner
Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve
Him, And to love the name of the LORD, to be
His

servants—

Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath,
And holds fast My covenant—

7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain,
And make them joyful in My house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
Will be accepted on My altar;

For My house shall be called a house of prayer

for all nations.”

8 The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says,

“ Yet I will gather to him

Others besides those who are gathered to him.”

Israel’s Irresponsible Leaders

9 All you beasts of the field, come to devour,
All you beasts in the forest.

10 His watchmen are blind,
They are all ignorant;
They are all dumb dogs,
They cannot bark;
Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

11 Yes, they are greedy dogs Which never have
enough. And they are shepherds
Who cannot understand;
They all look to their own way, Every one for
his own gain, From his own territory.

12 “ Come,” one says, “I will bring wine,
And we will fill ourselves with intoxicating

drink; Tomorrow will be as today,
And much more abundant.”

