

WHEN WE FAST (Isaiah 58)

⁸ Our light will break forth like the dawn, and our healing will quickly appear; then our righteousness will go before us, and the glory of the LORD will be our rear guard.

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

¹⁰ and if we spend ourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then our light will rise in the darkness, and our night will become like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide us always; he will satisfy our needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen our frame. We will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

¹² We will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; we will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.