Isaiah 58 1 “Shout with the voice of a trumpet blast. Shout aloud! Don’t be timid. Tell my people Israel of their sins!
2 Yet they act so pious! They come to the Temple every day and seem delighted to learn all about me. They act like a righteous nation that would never abandon the laws of its God. They ask me to take action on their behalf, pretending they want to be near me. 3 ‘We have fasted before you!’ they say. ‘Why aren’t you impressed? We have been very hard on ourselves, and you don’t even notice it!’ “I will tell you why!” I respond. “It’s because you are fasting to please yourselves. Even while you fast, you keep oppressing your

workers. 4 What good is fasting when you keep on fighting
and quarreling? This kind of fasting will never get you
anywhere with me. 5 You humble yourselves by going
through the motions of penance, bowing your heads like
reeds bending in the wind. You dress in burlap and cover
yourselves with ashes. Is this what you call fasting? Do you
really think this will please the LORD? 6 “No, this is the kind
of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned;
lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the
oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people.
7 Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the
homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not

hide from relatives who need your help. 8 “Then your salvation will come like the dawn, and your wounds will quickly heal. Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the LORD will protect you from behind. 9 Then when you call, the LORD will answer. ‘Yes, I am here,’ he will quickly reply. “Remove the heavy yoke of oppression. Stop pointing your finger and spreading vicious rumors! 10 Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

11 The LORD will guide you continually, giving you water
when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be
like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.
12 Some of you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your
cities. Then you will be known as a rebuilder of walls and a
restorer of homes.

2 Chronicles 7 *14 Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.*

2 Chronicles 7 12 Then one night the LORD appeared to Solomon and said,"I have heard your prayer and have chosen this Temple as the place for making sacrifices. 13 At times I might shut up the heavens so that no rain falls, or command grasshoppers to devour your crops, or send plagues among you. 14 Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from

their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. 15 My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place.

Jonah 3 6 When the king of Nineveh heard what Jonah was saying, he stepped down from his throne and took off his royal robes. He dressed himself in burlap and sat on a heap of ashes. 7 Then the king and his nobles sent this decree throughout the city: “No one, not even the animals from your herds and flocks, may eat or drink anything at all. 8 People and animals alike must wear garments of mourning, and everyone must pray earnestly to God. They must turn from their evil ways and stop all their violence.

9 Who can tell? Perhaps even yet God will change his mind and hold back his fierce anger from destroying us.” 10 When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened.

Jonah 4 1This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. 2 So he complained to the LORD about it: “Didn’t I say before I left home that you would do this, Lord? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from

destroying people. 3 Just kill me now, LORD! I'd rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen."

Action Steps

- Have you received Jesus Christ as your Savior?
- Are you living your worship every day?
- Are you doing EVERYTHING God has asked you to do?
- If these are the last days – what should you do differently?