

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH (41)
The perils of 'as-if' religion
Isaiah 58:1 – 59:21 (p 747)

Introduction: The nations

1. The desperate problem of sin 58:1 – 59:8

- i) Israel's pleasure is in *as-if* religion
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- ii) God's pleasure is in the self-sacrificial service of others
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- ii) God can save but Israel's sin is a barrier
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2. The divine victory over sin 59:9-21

- i) Sin confessed 59:9-15a

- ii) Sin conquered 59:15b-21

Conclusion: Redeemed & empowered