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1 Samuel 14, Isaiah 58, Matthew 1|2



God's people are to lift burdens & He will save them

Jonathan said to his armour bearer, “Come, and let us go over..: it may be that Yahweh will work for us: for there is no restraint to Yahweh to save by many or by few” (1Sa 14:6). He was answered as Yahweh helped them lift the burden of the Philistines.

Yahweh doesn't ask people to afflict themselves, “Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? (Isa 58:6-7) Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of Yahweh shall be thy rereward. (58:8) Then shall Yahweh save his people, “Then shalt thou call, and Yahweh shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; (58:9). “Call the sabbath a delight, the holy of Yahweh, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: (58:13) Then shalt thou delight thyself in Yahweh; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father” (58:14).

For Yahweh is merciful and provided one who would undo the heavy burdens. Joseph is told, “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Yehsua: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Mat 1:21). Matthew adds “that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us” (Mat 1:22-23).