

1 **Pleasant Home Tent Meetings**

With Revivalist Tim St. Clair
August 2-7 & 9
9682 Camp Rd. (just north of 604)

He will be preaching at Mohican next Sunday a.m. Church schedule freed up so as many as desire are able to attend.

To be clear, a revivalist doesn't bring revival.

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In Chap. 56, God makes it clear that those who were afar off but come to God on His terms will gain entrance to the Kingdom (lest Israel thinks they have a free pass)

As Chap. 57 opens, Israel's idolatry is being called out by God, and that section closes with God saying "when you cry out for help, let your collection of idols save you!" (vs. 13)

3 **Preparations for Peace**

Isaiah 57:14ff

4 **Vs. 14 Prepare the road for the King**

Reminiscent of Isa. 40:3-5, quoted by John the Baptist as he called people to repentance in advance of Christ's coming.

"Remove the obstacles..."

Our own besetting sins (Heb. 12:1-2)

Things we do that cause others to stumble
(Matt 18:6-9; 1 Cor. 10:23 ff)

5 **Vs. 15 Incredible news of Hope**

The One who is
HIGH, LOFTY, ETERNAL,
whose very NAME IS HOLY

Not only lives on high, but also
with the one who contrite and lowly in spirit
"to revive the spirit..." and "revive the heart..."

6 **Vs. 16 A Glimpse of God's Heart**

Is His desire to always accuse? NO

Does He find joy in being angry forever? NO

Does He drool at the thought of mankind being crushed beneath the weight of his sin?
NO

7 **Vs. 17 A glimpse at God's view of sin**

"I was enraged" "I punished..."
"I...hid my face in anger"

He doesn't think it's cute.
He doesn't 'understand.'
He doesn't ignore it with a wink, like some understanding or disengaged grandpa.
God hates sin...(Consider redemption's Cost)

8 **Vs. 18 Again, a glimpse into His heart**

"I have seen his ways, BUT I will..."
Heal him
Guide him
Restore comfort to him

Creating praise
(So central to mankind's purpose)

9

And offering peace with God to those far and near, through Jesus Christ. (Eph. 2)

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace
to men on whom His favor rests."
- The heavenly host, Luke 2:14

10 **Vss. 20-21 "but the wicked..."**

Those who refuse to come to God on His terms (contrite and lowly in spirit), but who would rather remain prideful of heart will not know rest.

There is no peace for the wicked.

11

"Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will freely pardon."
- Isaiah 55:6-7