TENSION IN OUR HEARTS

April 11

Isaiah 56:1-2

Tension is the result of a heart in conflict.

I. The Date with Destiny

About to come . . . revealed.

- A. Salvation: The final act of **RESCUE**
- B. Righteousness: The final act of **JUDGMENT**

II. The Prepared Heart

How blessed . . . anyone

A. Happiness: Freedom from <u>TENSION</u>
B. Accessible: Is possible for <u>ANYONE</u>

III. The Source of Tension

Who does this – takes hold of it . . .

- A. Our **PASSION** (preserve, take hold of)
- B. And our **ACTIONS** (do)
- C. Are not in line with the **CHARACTER** and **ACTIVITY** of God
- D. As described by the words: **JUSTICE** and **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

I must be about my Fathers business . . . Luke 2:49 KJV

IV. The Tension Tamers

Who keeps . . .

A. The Sabbath:

A **HEART** Proactively in Love with God

B. His Hand from doing Evil

Daily **CHOICES** that reflect the love of our heart.

V. The Caveats:

Who Keeps . . . ?

- A. NO ONE always "keeps." Isaiah 57:1 Romans 7 8
- B. **OUR CULTURE** "keeps" another way. Isaiah 59:15a

Isaiah: The Strong and Holy God has Intervened

Isaiah 52:10

I. God as King Isaiah 1-37

There is a historical fulfillment of God's agenda.

Advent

November 29 – December 20, 2020

II. God as Servant Isaiah 38-55

God is personally involved.

Easter

January 10 – April 4, 2021

III. God as Conqueror Isaiah 56-66

There will be a dramatic conclusion.

Pentecost

ACT III
The Final Curtain

Scene 1
Time of Tension

56:1 - 59:15a

Tension in our Hearts April 11
Tension in our Culture April 18

Scene 2

Time of Judgment

59:15b - 63:6

Scene 3
Time of Intercession

63:7 - 66:24

Epilogue

Isaiah 55