

## Faithful to the Shepherd

### Description

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Isaiah 56:1-12

Isaiah was sent to prophesy to God's chosen people—the ones God brought out of Egypt and made into a nation, redeeming them in the sight of the entire world. These are the people who were called to live by the covenant God had made with their ancestors and with them: If they will have no other gods before the Lord, God will bless them with descendants and a land of their own, all under the care of the one, true, living God.

But many of them turned to their own way and were concerned only with their appetites and personal gain. They were worshiping at the altar of the almighty self. God's chosen people laid down their birthright for a beer bash.

By contrast, certain ones were in the land, following God faithfully and unexpectedly. They were foreigners and eunuchs, who, in the midst of the great unfaithfulness of most everyone else, were committed to justice, righteousness, and keeping the law of the Lord.

Isaiah 56 is clear: in the eyes of God, it's better to be a faithful foreigner than a self-centered citizen.

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