

God's People (based on Isaiah 58: 3-8)

God says: Be clear about what is right and what pleases me!
Giving up things and putting on a miserable face does not impress me.
What brings me joy is everything that brings freedom:
a kindly word for someone who is worried;
a helping hand for someone in trouble.
When people share food with the hungry
and help the homeless find shelter;
if they give clothes to those in need
and work at bringing happiness to their family and friends,
I see my love growing in them.
This is what pleases me,
and they will become signs of hope for everyone,
like a bright sunrise after a long dark night.

Think about the questions below and answer them.

1. What behaviour mentioned by Isaiah does not impress God?
2. What are some of the positive things God wants us to do?
3. How does Isaiah's advice link with the Ten Commandments?
4. How does it link with what Jesus asked us to do?
5. Can we keep the rules that God gives us and why?
6. Why has Isaiah used the idea of sunrise in the last line? What do you think it means?