

Isaiah 64
Punished Beyond Measure?

Our Condition – Filthy Rags (1-7)

Calling Upon a Holy God (1-4)

LORD come down – that the mountains would tremble before You (Ps. 18:6-14)

Let Your Name be known – that the nations would quake (Matthew 24:29-30)

Looking for awesome things – unexpected things (Psalm 145:3-6)

Learning to wait – no other God to call upon (Jn 6:68-69/I Cor 2:9-10/Is 40:29-31)

Considering our need (5-7)

Help

For those who gladly do what is right (Tit. 2:14)

For those who remember His ways (Rev 2:4-5)

How then can we be saved? (Tit.3:4-5)

Who continue to sin

Whose righteousness is as filthy rags (Luke 18:19-25)

Who are swept away by our sins

Hidden His face from us

No one calls on His Name (Judges 2:10; 21:25)

No one strives to lay hold of Him (Romans 3:10-12)

Now we waste away because of our sin (Psalm 32:3-4 / Ephesians 4:18-19)

Our Plea – Father's Love (8-12) (Lamentations 3:19-22)

Potter's Hand (Jeremiah 18:1-10)

You are our Father (Matthew 6:9-13)

You have made us (Psalm 139:13-14)

Your anger we cannot endure (Heb. 12:11, 28-29)

Predicament

The Holy City is deserted and desolate

The Holy Temple is burned and in ruin (Jeremiah 52:12-14 / Mark 13:1-2)

Plea

Do not hold Yourself back (Jdg. 10:13)

Do not punish us beyond measure (Job 34:12-15 / Habakkuk 3:2)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 64

What motivates people to call upon God? (Psalm 107:27-32 / I Samuel 12:16-19 / Acts 9:3-6 / Romans 2:4)

What does God desire of those who cry out to Him? (Psalm 32:3-6; 57:1-2; 86:1-11 / Luke 18:7)

What hope can sustain us when our situation is hopeless? (Lamentations 3:19-22 / II Corinthians 4:16-18 / Deuteronomy 31:8 / Hebrews 13:5-6 / Romans 5:3-5 / James 1:2-4)

What must we recognize about our God and how He responds to wickedness? (Isaiah 45:9-11 / Job 34:14-15; 40:8 / Psalm 6:1-4 / Jeremiah 17:10 / Matthew 12:33-36 / Revelation 21:27)