



**Pleading for God to come in Glory and Power.*

**Isaiah 64:1 Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence— 2 As fire burns brushwood, as fire causes water to boil—To make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence!
3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, the mountains shook at Your presence. 4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, who acts for the one who waits for Him.
5 You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned—In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved.*

V:1-2 We want God to come for good reasons.

1. **V:1** The splitting of the heaven and shaking the mountains.

The presence of God reveals His power.

The presence of God is mighty and formidable or awe-inspiring.

Exodus 19:17-18 God shook Mount Sinai as Israel was on their way to The Promise Land.

2. **V:2 A futuristic prayer/prophecy.**

The wrath of God would consume the enemy, and nations (Plural) will tremble because of God's presence and intervention. (This could be the Gog and Magog war prayer?)

3. **V:3-4 The World has not seen** any other God act besides God. Therefore, false gods have no power to act.

Devils and demonic forces are not gods. Unfortunately, too many believe in their power as if they are gods, but they are always the little g—gods.

Waiting is the key! Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. This is an instruction not to go in our might.

4. **V:5 God continues to meet with all** who remember His ways and seek righteousness.

The reason this generation is in danger is very few are seeking righteousness in this day.

We do need to be saved! However, beyond being saved, a more profound insight implies that we must be rescued from this evil day.

**The Obstacle every generation must overcome.*

**Isaiah 64:6 But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.
7 And there is no one who calls on Your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, and have consumed us because of our iniquities.*

1. **V:6 Unclean and unrighteous living** is the result of?

Generational sin. Long-term thinking and actions that are rebellious to God's Word

The Wind represents foolish thinking. What sins are carrying this generation away from God?

Every generation can become enamored with new discoveries. But, unfortunately, what is often the case with people enamored/captivated by culture is they are held prisoner by their discovery.

Who will remember the ways of God?

2. V:7 The hiddenness of God and addiction to iniquities reveal the power of sin.

“The Wrath of Abandonment,” or hiddenness, is a sign of how wicked a generation has become.

The feasting upon sin points to a hard heart toward God. They love their sins more than they want God.

Severe sinfulness requires the action of God.

**The Plead for Mercy is One of the Roles of the Remnant.*

Isaiah 64:8 But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.

9 Do not be furious, O LORD, Nor remember iniquity forever; Indeed, please look—we all are Your people! 10 Your holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. 11 Our holy and beautiful temple, where our fathers praised You, is burned up with fire; And all our pleasant things are laid waste. 12 Will You restrain Yourself because of these things, O LORD? Will You hold Your peace, and afflict us very severely?

1. V:8 Interestingly, the pleas are to God; you are our Father.

The heart of the remnant is drawn to prayer. They know and understand God shapes people to do His will.

The Potter will never disown a work of his hand. So likewise, a father will not disown his children. This is the remnant aligning with the heart of God.

2. V:9-10 The remnant will plead for mercy.

Don't remember our sins (iniquities) forever. But first, the remnant must know the Word of God. Isaiah is the book that promises our sins though they are as red as scarlet they, shall be washed whiter than snow.

The Remnant asks on behalf of the Holy City of God. This again shows they understand God's heart and love for that which God calls holy. Do we know how to move our Father's Heart?

3. V:11-12 The remnant will ask God to act.

1st on behalf of the people. 2nd on behalf of the things God has given us. The Temple is something God gave to the Jews. A replica of the temple that is in heaven.

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In this prayer, the praying one deals with what seems to be an impossible problem. Because of our sin ([Isaiah 64:5b-7](#)), we are in a desperate state and need the LORD's salvation. But the LORD only answers the prayers of a righteous man ([Isaiah 64:4-5a](#)) — and a righteous man wouldn't be in the place we are! Ultimately, the answer is found in the New Covenant, where *a righteous Man stands in our place and prays for us*. This is why Jesus invited us to pray in *His* name ([John 14:13-14](#)). When we pray in Jesus' name, *He is the righteous Man* who appeals to God for us.