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A. The Coming Winepress of Judgment (Isaiah 63:1-6)

1. The introduction of Christ the Judge (63:1)

a. His location

b. His glory

c. His strength

d. His saving righteousness

2. The appearance of Christ the Judge (63:2)

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3. The action of Christ the Judge (63:3)

a. He is the only Judge

John 5:22

b. Christ's judgment manifests God's anger and fury

Revelation 19:15

4. The timing of God's judgment (63:4)

Joel 2:31

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5. The only means to escape God's judgment of sin (63:5)

Isaiah 43:11

6. The extent of God's judgment (63:6)

Mark 13:20

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B. The Coming Wrath of God Reveals the Potential for God's Mercy (Isaiah 63:7-14)

1. God's Mercy - The basis for prayer and God's blessing (63:7)

Psalm 36:10

2. God's Mercy - The basis for salvation (63:8)

Ephesians 1:3-4

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3. God's Mercy - The basis for deliverance from affliction

(63:9)

Exodus 3:7

Lamentations 3:22

4. God's Mercy - The basis for repentance (63:10-13)

Psalms 106:45-46

5. God's Mercy - The basis for finding rest (63:14)

Exodus 33:14

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C. God's Mercy from Judgment Must Be Sought (Isaiah 63:15-19)

1. By asking in prayer (63:15)

Psalm 5:2

2. By seeking His salvation (63:16)

Romans 4:9

3. By crying out in affliction (63:17-18)

Psalm 106:44

4. By surrender to God (63:19)

Psalm 27:8

Deuteronomy 7:12

Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers:

A Cry For God's Deliverance

Isaiah 64

The need to recognize God's sovereignty in all things.

I. The Request Of The Cry (Isaiah 64:1-2)

A. For God's power (64:1)

Isaiah 64:1

**Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou
wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down
at thy presence,**

I. The Request Of The Cry (Isaiah 64:1-2)

B. For God's presence (64:2)

Isaiah 64:2

As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence!

II. The Recognition Of God's Sovereignty In The Cry (Isaiah 64:3-4)

Perception of God is necessary

A. In the past (64:3)

Isaiah 64:3

When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.

B. In the present and future (64:4)

Isaiah 64:4

For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

III. The Requirements For The Cry (Isaiah 64:5-9)

Isaiah 64:5-9

5 Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.

6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

7 And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

III. The Requirements For The Cry (Isaiah 64:5-9)

Isaiah 64:5-9 - continued

**8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay,
and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.**

**9 Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember
iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all
thy people.**

Preparation for crying out is our responsibility

III. The Requirements For The Cry (Isaiah 64:5-9)

A. Rejoicing in God (64:5a)

Isaiah 61:10

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.

III. The Requirements For The Cry (Isaiah 64:5-9)

B. Righteousness (64:5a)

Psalm 15:2

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

C. Remembrance (64:5a)

Numbers 15:40

That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

III. The Requirements For The Cry (Isaiah 64:5-9)

D. Repentance (64:5b-7)

1. A realization to repent

Romans 3:10-12

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

2. A reason to repent

Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

III. The Requirements For The Cry (Isaiah 64:5-9)

E. Humility (64:8-9)

Luke 18:14

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

IV. The Reasons For The Cry (Isaiah 64:10-12)

**Pray when you seeing trouble coming not just when it
arrives**

A. City and land desolate (64:10)

Isaiah 64:10

**Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation.**

B. Temple destroyed (64:11)

Isaiah 64:11

**Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers
praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant
things are laid waste.**

IV. The Reasons For The Cry (Isaiah 64:10-12)

C. For God's mercy (64:12)

Isaiah 64:12

Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

IV. The Reasons For The Cry (Isaiah 64:10-12)

D. The example of Josiah

2 Kings 22:11-13

11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying,

13 Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

**We Should Cry Out To God
Even When We Do Not See A Need To**