

A Cry For God's Deliverance

Isaiah 64

The need to recognize God's sovereignty in all things

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

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

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

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

1. In the past (64:3)

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

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

1. Rejoicing in God (64:5a)

Isaiah 61:10

2. Righteousness (64:5a)

Psalm 15:2

3. Remembrance (64:5a)

Numbers 15:40

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C. The Requirements For The Cry (Isaiah 64:5-9) – cont'd

4. Repentance (64:5b-7)

a. A realization to repent

Romans 3:10-12

b. A reason to repent

Isaiah 59:2

5. Humility (64:8-9)

Luke 18:14

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

1. City and land desolate (64:10)

2. Temple destroyed (64:11)

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

4. The example of Josiah

2 Kings 22:11-13

The Preservation of Israel

Isaiah 65

God's will for Israel is salvation not judgment.

I. The Receipt of the Gospel by the Gentiles

(Isaiah 65:1)

Isaiah 65:1

I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name.

A. Their (non)-expectation (65:1a)

Romans 9:30

What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

B. Their unexpected discovery (65:1b)

C. The invitation of God (65:1c)

II. The Rejection of the Gospel by Israel

(Isaiah 65:2-7)

Isaiah 65:2-7

2 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts;

3 A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick;

4 Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels;

II. The Rejection of the Gospel by Israel (Isaiah 65:2-7)

Isaiah 65:2-7 - continued

5 Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

6 Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom,

7 Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.

II. The Rejection of the Gospel by Israel (Isaiah 65:2-7)

- A. The invitation of God offered (65:2a)**
- B. The invitation of God ignored (65:2b-7)**
 - 1. Their pride (v 2b)**
 - 2. Their idolatry (v 3)**
 - 3. Their defiled sinful condition (v 4)**
 - 4. Their self-righteousness (v 5)**
- C. The indictment of God proclaimed (65:6-7)**
 - 1. Based on His Word (v 6)**
 - Deuteronomy 32:34-40**
 - 2. Based on their iniquities (v 7)**

III. The Reservation of a Remnant (Isaiah 65:8-16)

Isaiah 65:8-16

8 Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

10 And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.

III. The Reservation of a Remnant (Isaiah 65:8-16)

Isaiah 65:8-16 - continued

11 But ye are they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number.

12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:

III. The Reservation of a Remnant (Isaiah 65:8-16)

Isaiah 65:8-16 - continued

14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.

15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name:

16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

III. The Reservation of a Remnant (Isaiah 65:8-16)

- A. God still sees the potential in Israel (and in each of us) (65:8)**
- B. God identifies the remnant (65:9)
“Out of Jacob”**
- C. God gives rest to those who seek him (65:10)**
- D. God rejects those who refuse him (65:11-12)**
- E. God contrasts the outcome of those who chose Him versus those who do not (65:13-15)**
- F. God changes the attitude of those who follow Him (65:16)**

IV. The Revelation of the New Heaven and New Earth (Isaiah 65:17-25)

Isaiah 65:17-25

17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

IV. The Revelation of the New Heaven and New Earth (Isaiah 65:17-25)

Isaiah 65:17-25 - continued

20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

IV. The Revelation of the New Heaven and New Earth (Isaiah 65:17-25)

Isaiah 65:17-25 - continued

23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

IV. The Revelation of the New Heaven and New Earth (Isaiah 65:17-25)

A. No comparison to current conditions or even the Millennial Kingdom (65:17)

Revelation 21:1-5

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

IV. The Revelation of the New Heaven and New Earth (Isaiah 65:17-25)

A. No comparison to current conditions or even the Millennial Kingdom (65:17)

Revelation 21:1-5 - continued

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

IV. The Revelation of the New Heaven and New Earth (Isaiah 65:17-25)

B. The conditions in the “New” Jerusalem (65:18-19)

One of joy

C. The conditions in the Millennial Kingdom given as a contrast (65:20-25)

1. Longevity (v 20)

2. Sin judged (v 20)

3. Prosperity (vv 21-23)

a. In work because of God’s system of social justice (vv 21-22)

b. In children because of no harm (v 23)

4. The presence and provision of God (v 24)

5. The peace of God (v 25)

**We Have Something To Look Forward
To...
With Christ**