

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

A Prayer for God's Visitation (Part 1)

Isaiah 63:15-64:12

January 7, 2018

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>Isaiah 63:15 Look down from heaven and see, from your holy and beautiful habitation. Where are your zeal and your might? The stirring of your inner parts and your compassion are held back from me. [16] For you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name. [17] O Lord, why do you make us wander from your ways and harden our heart, so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. [18] Your holy people held possession for a little while; our adversaries have trampled down your sanctuary. [19] We have become like those over whom you have never ruled, like those who are not called by your name.</p> <p>[64:1] Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— [2] as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! [3] When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. [4] From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. [5] You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? [6] We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7] There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. [8] But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9] Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people. [10] Your holy cities have become a wilderness; Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. [11] Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised you, has been burned by fire, and all our pleasant places have become ruins. [12] Will you restrain yourself at these things, O Lord? Will you keep silent, and afflict us so terribly?</p>	<p>Calling to God for rescue (to visit our situation) requires belief and honesty. II. How Bitterness Grows</p> <p>I. Crying out to God is asking for Him to visit our situation</p> <p>II. Belief in God's sovereign power and will to intercede</p> <p>III. Honesty about our sin</p> <p>Memory verse for 2017-</p> <p>Isaiah 48:17</p> <p>Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.</p>

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1. How is "crying out to God" or prayer itself actually asking God to visit our situation?
2. Tony suggested there might be a reason Christians are hesitant to pray, do you remember what it was and can you relate?
3. Discuss this statement from Motyer in relation to v. 17
"The heart set on disobedience hardens progressively against the way and will of God until the moment, known only to the Lord arrives when the sentence of hardening must be passed. This is the point of no return. Since heart-hardening is humanly irretrievable, only a turning on the part of God can help."
4. How does this prayer mesh with the Lord's Prayer?
5. How is verse 16 both a profession of faith and a confession of sin?
6. This prayer exemplifies praying with God's priorities. What does this mean and how might we do it? Hint: see 64:2

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: