

# SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

Grace and Judgment from the God of Truth

Isaiah 65:1-16

January 28, 2018

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p><b>Isaiah 65:1</b> I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name. [2] I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; [3] a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; [4] who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; [5] who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. [6] Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap [7] both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds." [8] Thus says the Lord: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. [9] I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there. [10] Sharon shall become a pasture for flocks, and the Valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down, for my people who have sought me. [11] But you who forsake the Lord, who forget my holy mountain, who set a table for Fortune and fill cups of mixed wine for Destiny, [12] I will destine you to the sword, and all of you shall bow down to the slaughter, because, when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not listen, but you did what was evil in my eyes and chose what I did not delight in." [13] Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Behold, my servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but you shall be put to shame; [14] behold, my servants shall sing for gladness of heart, but you shall cry out for pain of heart and shall wail for breaking of spirit. [15] You shall leave your name to my chosen for a curse, and the Lord God will put you to death, but his servants he will call by another name, [16] so that he who blesses himself in the land shall bless himself by the God of truth, and he who takes an oath in the land shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten and are hidden from my eyes.</p>	<p><b>God will bring grace and judgment in his final visit.</b></p> <p>I. Us: "Bow your Heavens and Come down!" God: "Here I Am!" (1)</p> <p>II. God is duly offended. (2-7)</p> <p>III. God brings grace to some and judgement to others (8-16)</p> <p><b>Memory verse for 2018-</b></p> <p>Isaiah 64:1-2</p> <p>[1] Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—</p> <p>[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!</p>

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## Sermon Application Questions

1. Verse 5 provides God's reaction to the notion that mixed religious practice is somehow OK. Discuss God's revealed attitude about pluralism (mixing religious beliefs/practices as if they're ultimately all the same).

2. What idols are temptations to us?

3. Verse 8 gives an illustration with new wine and the clusters used to make it. The illustration shows how God will bring judgment on the whole, but still be careful to save those who are his servants. His language is hard about those who forsake him. How do you explain this to a person who thinks this makes God look harsh?

4. Discuss:

In every age and nation, the Lord leaves those who persist in doing evil, and despise the call of the gospel. God's servants shall have the bread of life, and shall want nothing good for them. But those who forsake the Lord, shall be ashamed of vain confidence in their own righteousness, and the hopes they built thereon. Worldly people bless themselves in the abundance of this world's goods; but God's servants bless themselves in him. He is their strength and portion. They shall honor him as the God of truth. And it was promised that in him should all the families of the earth be blessed. They shall think themselves happy in having him for their God, who made them forget their troubles. - Matthew Henry

## 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: