

**“God, Are You Listening?”**  
*Isaiah 63-64*

God is listening – Heb 4:16; 1 Pt 3:12; Ps 6:9; 40:1b

**Main Idea:** *God’s passionate response to sin, both in wrath for the nations and discipline for his people, should call forth persistent and fervent prayer from God’s people.*

**I. Terrifying Vengeance Enacted on His Enemies (63:1-6)**

Edom – symbol of godless & godless nations (Isa 34; Rom 9:13; Heb 12:16)

Whose blood is it in v. 3?

v. 5 – No one to help Messiah with judgement

- Gen 1 – God \_\_\_\_\_ alone
- Jn 14:6; Eph 2:8-9 – God accomplishes \_\_\_\_\_ alone
- Isa 63:5 – God executes \_\_\_\_\_ alone

*Our Response:*

**PRAY** (1 Tim 2:1-4)

- How do we pray? (2 Cor 4:4; Jn 14:6)
  - Pray that God would remove Satan’s influence in their lives
  - Pray that they would receive spiritual sight
  - Pray they could come to Christ

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**II. Persistent Intercession & Lamentation (63:7-64:12)**

What does it mean to lament?

- Recounting the Lord’s history of love (63:7-9)
  - “Faithful acts, lovingkindnesses” – *hesed*
  - See Rom 5:8; Eph 2:4-5; Rom 8:38-39 – GOD LOVES YOU!
- Confessing sin & Confessing it again (63:10; 64:5b-7)
  - Note the picture Isaiah paints in 64:6
  - See v. 10 & Eph 4:30 – SIN GRIEVES GOD!
- Basing Prayer on the Lord’s history (63:11-16)
- Lamenting over the Lord’s discipline (63:17-19)
  - Our salvation is not freedom or license to sin (Rom 6; 1 Cor; Gal 5)
  - See Prov 3:11-12; Heb 12:5-11 – DISCIPLINE HAS PURPOSE!
  - What does no discipline look like? – 2 Tim 3:2-4
- Pleading for God to descend and to act (64:1-12)
  - God if you would just do something amazing, people would believe in you!
    - Creation declares his glory (Ps 19) and yet people suppress and reject that truth (Rom 1).
    - He has written his laws on the hearts of men (Rom 2), yet they choose to go their own way (Rom 3).
    - He came to his own in the flesh and they rejected him (Jn 1:11).
    - He performed miracles in their midst, and they attributed it to acting in the power of the devil (Mt 9:34).
  - The Problem – see Jer 5:21, 23-24a