

Discussion Questions for Isaiah 63-64

Not being able to see you face to face this week to discuss these questions, I encourage you to call, email, or text me with your questions about the message or about Isaiah 58-59

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Questions about the sermon? There are some great spiritual treasure nuggets in Isaiah. We hope that you discover them and apply them to your life.

1. A ministry founder used to ask this question: “If revival in this land depended on your prayers, your faith, your obedience, would we ever experience revival?”
2. Why do you think Christians are tempted to be ashamed of the potent and graphic images of God’s wrath in Scripture? Where is a proper balance between focusing on God’s love and grace and focusing on His holiness and wrath against sin?
3. How does “Edom” represent the godless of the world in Romans 9:13 and Hebrews 12:16? How do we see the spirit of Esau alive in our world today?
4. How should the reality of the coming righteous wrath of God motivate us in evangelism and missions? How should it motivate us to put sin to death in our own lives?
5. Can people make a decision for Christ and yet not be saved? How can a person know that God has truly saved him? What are the marks of genuine conversion/revival? How can we set forth God’s grace without promoting license?
6. How does Isaiah 63:7–64:12 give a pattern of intercession for us to follow today?
7. Why is it vital for us to keep in mind God’s amazing acts of salvation in the past, for Israel in the Old Testament (especially the exodus and the Red Sea crossing) but even more the finished work of Jesus Christ at the cross and the empty tomb?
8. Why is genuine, heartfelt confession of sin vital in this kind of intercession for Zion (God’s chosen people) now (63:10,17–19; 64:5b–7)?
9. Isaiah 64:1 asks God to tear open the heavens and come down. The image in these verses is of wrath and judgment. But the image of the torn-open heavens both at Christ’s baptism (Mark 1:10) and at Stephen’s martyrdom (Acts 7:56–60) is one of gentleness, grace, and mercy to a sinful world. How can we understand both aspects of God’s mighty actions on earth?
10. Isaiah 64:6 says, “All our righteous acts are like a polluted garment.” How do we understand this in light of our adoption as sons and daughters of God and of the cleansing blood of Christ?
11. How do 2 Peter 3:9 and 3:15 help us make sense of God’s seeming inactivity when the wicked seem to prosper so much?