

Recovery from Judgment

Isaiah 64:5-9

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THEME: We drift away from the Lord. We turn from Him and His ways in rebellion. This brings on His chastening hand. We feel that there is no way back. But God gives a way. Come home. Come back to your Saviour and God.

I. THE CAUSE

A. Our Sins (Isaiah 64:5)

“behold, thou art wrath; for we have sinned.”

B. Our Uncleaness (Isaiah 65:6)

“But we are all as an unclean thing...”

C. Our Iniquities (Isaiah 65:6, 7)

“for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.”

II. THEIR CONDITION

A. Experiencing the Wrath of God (Isaiah 64:5, 9; Hebrews 12:5-6)

“behold, thou art wrath.” “Be not wrath very sore, O LORD.”

B. Faded as a Leaf (Isaiah 64:6)

“we all do fade as a leaf.”

C. Taken Away as by the Wind (Isaiah 64:6)

“and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”

D. Consumed because of our Iniquities (Isaiah 64:7)

III. THE CURE

A. Wait for the Lord (Isaiah 64:4; Psalm 27:13-14; Isaiah 40:28-31)

“...men have not heard...what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.”

“...they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength...”

B. Rejoice in Righteousness (Isaiah 64:5; Psalm 68:3; Isaiah 61:10)

“Thou (God) meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness—”

C. Work Righteousness (Psalm 15:1-2; Romans 6:13, 16-22)

“be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.” (Titus 3:8).

D. Remember the Ways of God (Isaiah 64:5)

“Thou meetest him...that remember thee in thy ways.”

I. Ask for the old paths (Jeremiah 6:16)

II. There is continuance in those (Isaiah 64:5)

E. Call Upon the Lord (Isaiah 64:7; Psalm 105:1-4)

“And there is none that calleth upon thy name.” The importance of prayer.

F. Stir Up to Take Hold of the Lord (Isaiah 64:7; 2Timothy 1:6)

“...that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee.” [See Philippians 3:7-14 and Psalm 63:1-2].

G. Behold the Lord as your Father (Isaiah 64:8-9)

I. We are the clay (Isaiah 64:8; Jeremiah 18:1-6)

II. We are the work of His hand (Isaiah 64:8; Psalm 100:3)

III. We are His people (Isaiah 64:9; Psalm 79:13)
