



Isaiah's Prayer of Desperation #5

“We Have Wronged You, Lord!”

Isaiah 63:15-64:9 (focus 64:5-7)

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I. Isaiah's Prayer Exposes Our Sin (vv. 5-7)

A. The source of our sin (v. 6 “like one who is unclean”)

B. The scope of our sin (v. 6 “all of our righteous deeds”)

C. The seriousness of our sin (vv. 6-7)

1. Sin brings dryness (v. 6 “all of us wither like a leaf”).
2. Sin brings discipline (v. 6 “our iniquities...take us away”).
3. Sin brings dullness (v. 7 “There is no one who calls on Your name, Who arouses himself to take hold of You...”).
4. Sin brings detachment (v. 7 “You have hidden your face from us”).
5. Sin brings destruction (v. 7 “[You] have delivered us into the power of our iniquities”).

II. Isaiah's Prayer Exonerates God (v. 5)

A. God's anger is righteous (v. 5 “You were angry, for we sinned”).

B. Our punishment is reasonable (v. 5 “we continued in them a long time; and shall we be saved?”).