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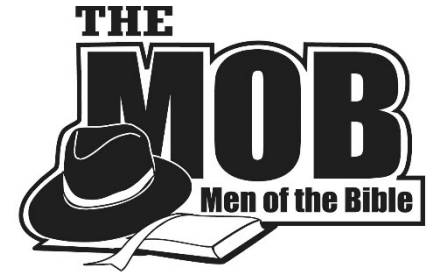
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)



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Welcome To The MOB!

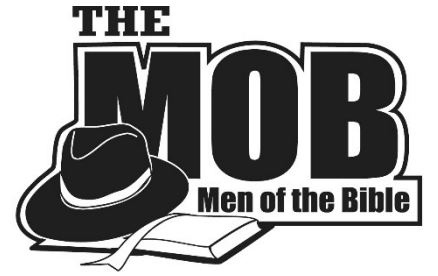


- **Summer Sundaes Series**, 7-9pm, June 13, July 11
(Rosario Butterfield), & August 13

- **Vacation Bible School**
June 24-28.



- **Summer Breakout Teaching Series**, July 14, 21, 28.



■ **Invocation/Prayer**

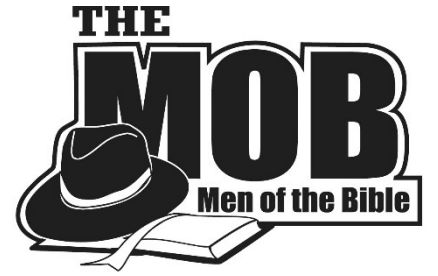
■ **Hymn:**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



What a Friend

By Joseph Scriven, Music: Charles Converse v1 of 3

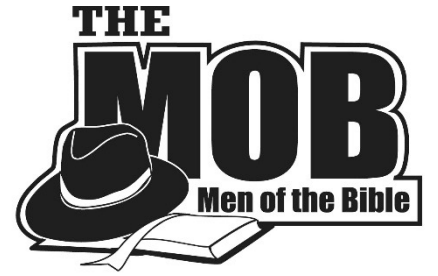


**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!**



What a Friend

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Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged;

take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful

who will all our sorrows share?

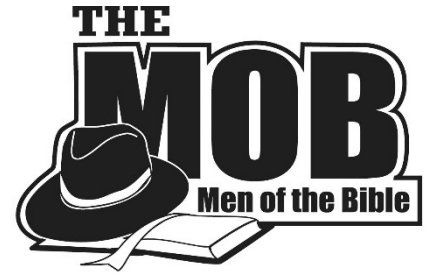
Jesus knows our every weakness;

take it to the Lord in prayer!



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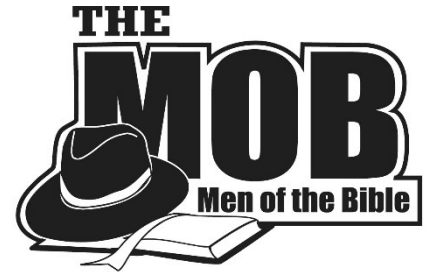


**Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge --
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms He'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.**



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Memory Verse



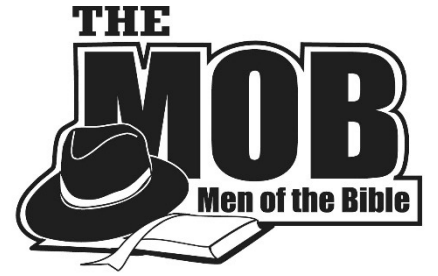
Isaiah 64:4 (ESV)

**From of old no one has heard or
perceived by the ear, no eye has seen
a God besides you, who acts for those
who wait for him.**



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Our Study of Isaiah



Last Meeting:

- **Isaiah 63, The LORD's Vengeance Revealed and Mercy Recalled**
- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 63:7**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2023 Ed., pp. 443-453; Motyer, pp. 509-518.***

Tonight:

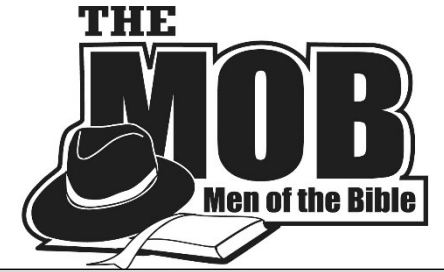
- **Isaiah 64, A Prayer For God's Mercy**
 - **Memory Verse: Isaiah 64:4**
 - ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2023 Ed., pp. 453-455; Motyer, pp. 518-522.***

 - **Refreshment Host: F**
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Isaiah Outline

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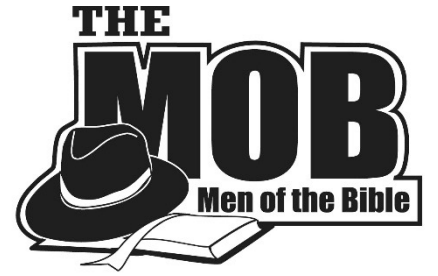


Focus	Prophecies of Condemnation								Historical Parenthesis		Prophecies of Comfort					
	1:1		35:10						36:1	39:8	40:1		66:24			
Divisions	Prophecies Against Judah		Prophecies Against the Nation		Prophecies Against the Day of the Lord		Prophecies of Judgement and Blessing		Sickness and Sin	Hezekiah's Salvation	Israel's Deliverance	Israel's Deliverer		Israel's Glorious Future		
Topics	1:1	12:6	13:1	23:18	24:1	27:13	28:1	35:10	36:1	39:8	40:1	48:22	49:1	57:21	58:1	66:4
	Prophetic Judgement								Historic Transition		Messianic Hope					
Place	Israel & Judah								The end is near!							
Time	740 - 680 B.C.															



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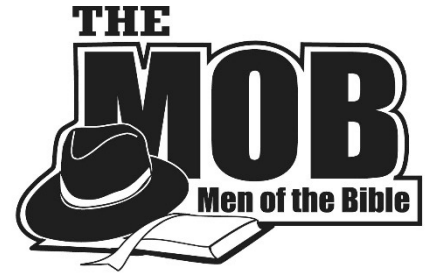
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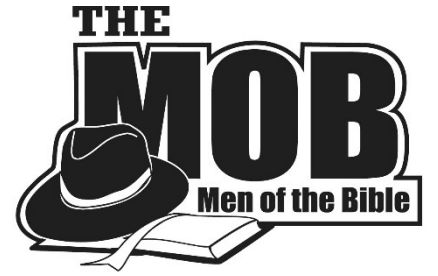
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Unless otherwise noted, all Scripture quotations are from NASB95



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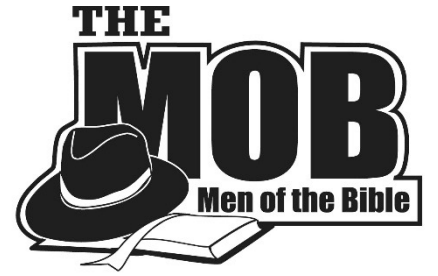
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Isaiah 64:5b-7 A BIG Problem



Behold, You were angry, for we sinned, *We continued* in them a long time; And shall we be saved?

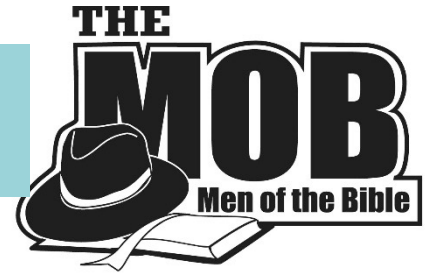
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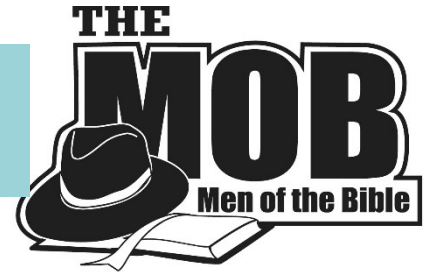


- ⁸ But now, O LORD, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand.**
- ⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD, Nor remember iniquity forever; Behold, look now, all of us are Your people.**



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10 Your holy cities have become a wilderness, Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

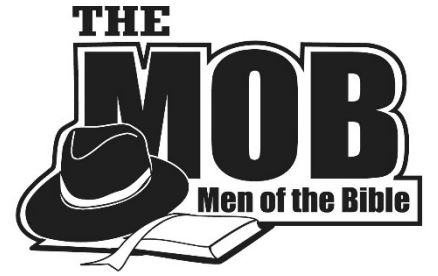
11 Our holy and beautiful house, Where our fathers praised You, Has been burned *by* fire; And all our precious things have become a ruin.

12 Will You restrain Yourself at these things, O LORD? Will You keep silent and afflict us beyond measure?



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Basics



Who is speaking?

Isaiah

Who is the audience?

1. YHWH (the LORD)

**2. Judah & Jerusalem
(listening in)**

What time period?

V1-7: 700BC and later

V10-12: exile and later

Isaiah 64 is a prayer

- actually the second half of a prayer**
- it builds on Isaiah 63**

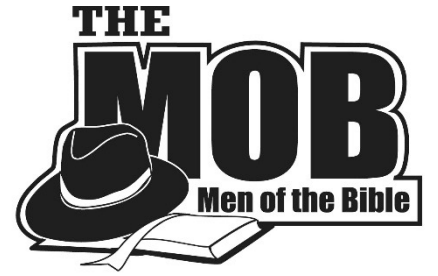


Without that context, we miss important things



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Prayer



What is prayer?

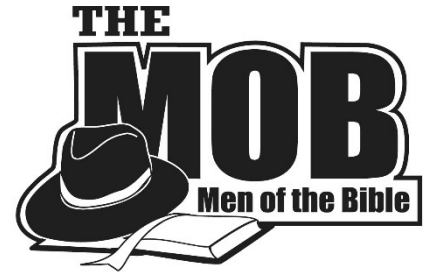
Prayer is simply talking to God.

- **Telling Him what is on our heart.**
- **Even lamenting**
- **Asking Him to do something about it**

But there is more



ACTS – A Model for Prayer



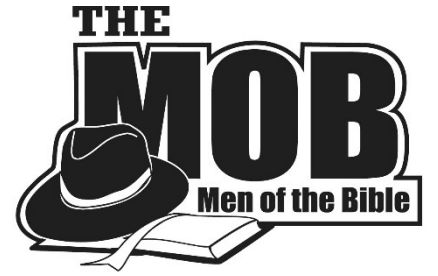
- A – Adoration (Praise, worship)**
- C – Confession (Acknowledge sins)**
- T – Thanks (Gratitude)**
- S – Supplication (Humbly asking)**

**We get to listen in to Isaiah
and learn to improve our prayers**



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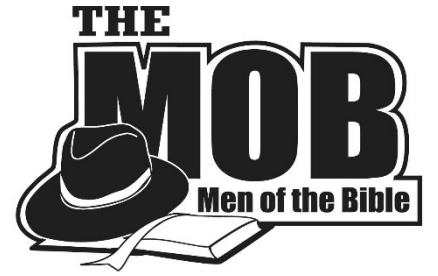
Isaiah's Prayer



- A** 63:7-9 Remember He redeemed His people
- C** 63:10 But the people rebelled
- A** 63:11-14 God had led His people in glory (Moses)
- S** 63:15-19 Return, LORD, for the sake of your servants
- S** 64:1-5a O that You would come down
- C** 64:5b-7 A BIG problem - our ongoing sin
- S** 64:8-12 Remember we are Your people



Isaiah 64:1-3 Lord, It's Time for You to Intervene!

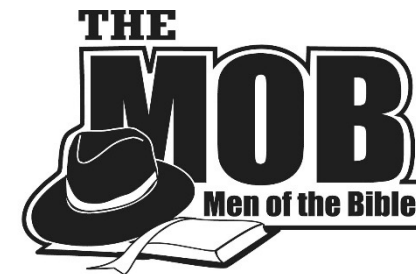


Look down from heaven and see from Your holy and glorious habitation; Where are Your zeal and Your mighty deeds? The stirrings of Your heart and Your compassion are restrained toward me. (Isaiah 63:15)

¹ Oh, that You would rend the heavens *and* come down, That the mountains might quake at Your presence—



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Have you ever felt that?

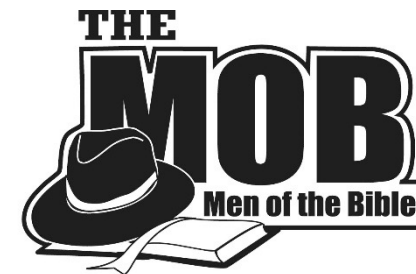
God – why aren't you acting? NOW!!!

What do you think if God doesn't respond immediately?

And they came to *Him* and woke Him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing!” (Matthew 8:25)



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³ When You did awesome things which we did not expect, You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence.

Isaiah 64:1-3 God's Intervention

They thought God would kindle the brushwood, make the mountains quake and make the nations tremble. Why?

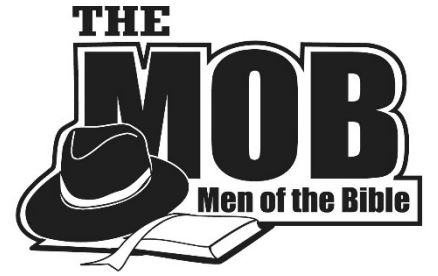


That is how God intervened in Exodus. Overwhelming power. Lord, You did awesome things that we did not expect.



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4 For from days of old they have not heard or perceived by ear, Nor has the eye seen a God besides You, Who acts in behalf of the one who waits for Him.

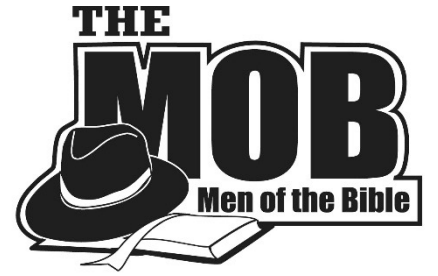
**True – God had acted to make the mountains quake
Isaiah needed expand his scope –**

**Was that the only way God could act in behalf of His
people?**



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⁵ You meet him who rejoices in doing righteousness, Who remembers You in Your ways.

This was God's goal for the Israelites.

It is His goal for us Christians.

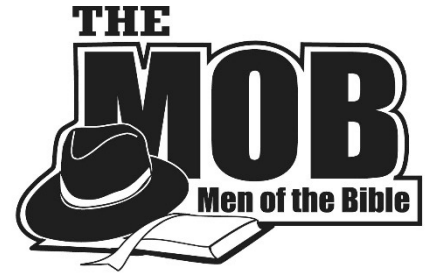
Are we consistently doing righteousness?

Are we consistently remembering God's ways?



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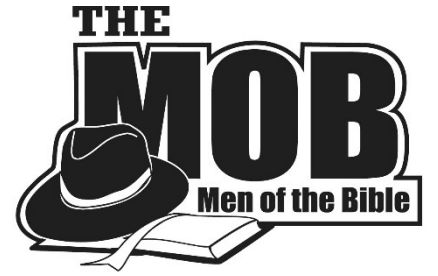
How do we do that?

²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:24–25)



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Isaiah 64:5b-7 A BIG Problem!



Behold, You were angry, for we sinned, *We continued* in them a long time; And shall we be saved?

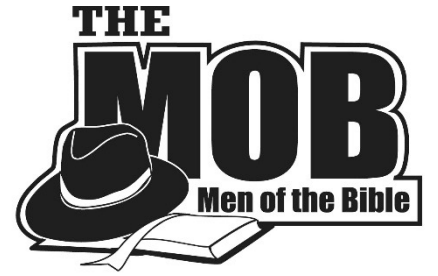
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Burn up the bad guys!

Oops! We are the bad guys! How bad?

(God hides His face)

Unclean – like a leper

Filthy garment – menstrual garments

Withered – dried up and lifeless

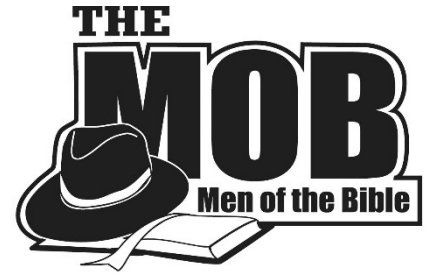
Then I said, “Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips.” (Isaiah 6:5a)





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Isaiah 64:5b-7 A BIG Problem!



And shall we be saved?

That is THE hard question – we have to be honest here

Can we?

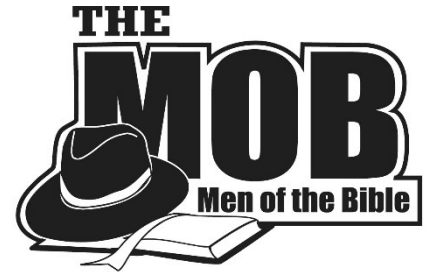
Will we?

Why would God save people like us?



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7 There is no one who calls on Your name, Who arouses himself to take hold of You;

What would it even look like, to consistently call on YHWH, to take hold of YHWH?

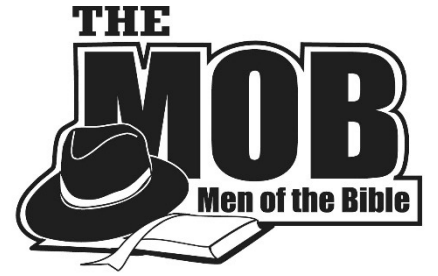
Moses – following the episode with the golden calf

“Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people.” (Exodus 33:13)



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Isaiah 64:5b-7 A BIG Problem!



7 There is no one who calls on Your name, Who arouses himself to take hold of You;

The Israelites failed at this.

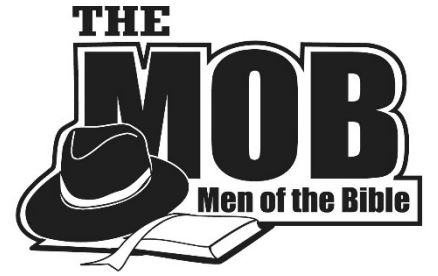
How would we do better? What does it mean to arouse ourselves to take hold of God?

This is another opportunity to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, to encourage one another (cf. Heb 10-24-25)



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Isaiah 64:5b-7 A BIG Problem!



For You have hidden Your face from us And have delivered us into the power of our iniquities.

What does it mean to be “in the power of our iniquities”?

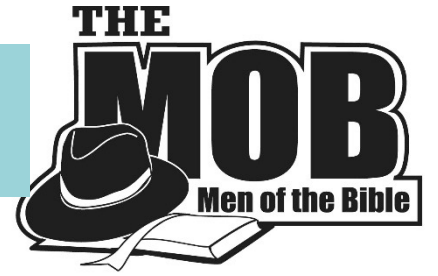
How can we escape that?

How should we pray?



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Isaiah 64:8-12 We are Your People



**8 But now, O LORD, You are our Father,
We are the clay, and You our potter;
And all of us are the work of Your hand.**

**Isaiah clings to our relationship,
our identity with the Father**

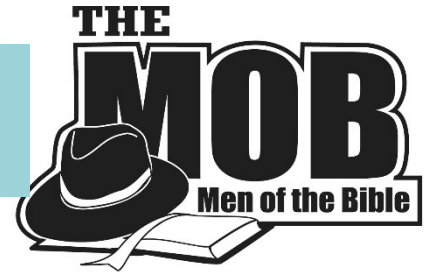
**Isaiah comes in humble supplication saying that we are clay
in the Father's hands.**





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⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD, Nor remember iniquity forever; Behold, look now, all of us are Your people.

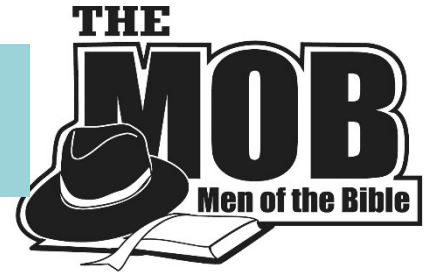
Isaiah continues to cling to our relationship, our identity as “Your people”.

***Beyond measure* suggests that the divine rage could exceed permissible limits, but the Hebrew is ... ‘do not let us feel the full weight of your anger’. (Motyer)**



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Isaiah 64:8-12 Dire Straits



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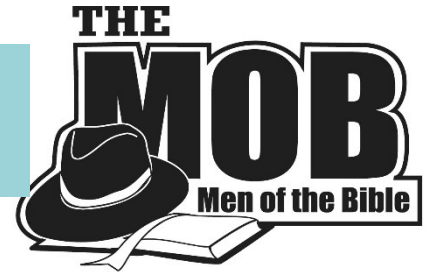
¹¹ Our holy and beautiful house, Where our fathers praised You, Has been burned *by* fire; And all our precious things have become a ruin.

Your holy cities are destroyed. Your Temple is destroyed.



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Isaiah 64:12 Time to Act!



**¹² Will You restrain Yourself at these things, O LORD?
Will You keep silent and afflict us beyond measure?**

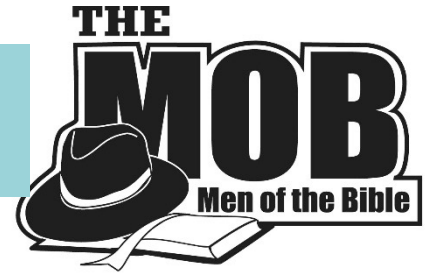
Lord, how can you sit idly by?

When are You going to DO SOMETHING???



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How will God Respond?

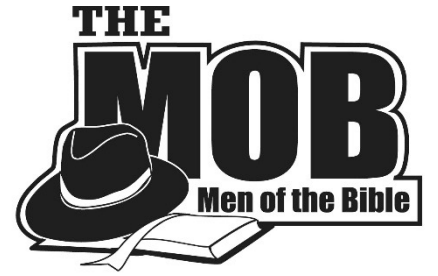


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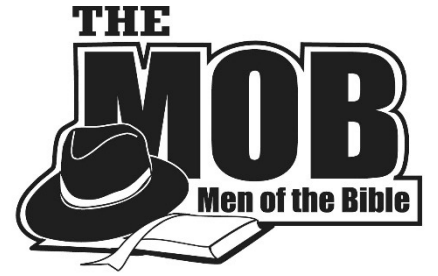
- **Isaiah 65 | The Lord's Response**
- **Memory Verse: Isaiah 65:1**
- ***Dr. Constable's Notes, 2023 Ed., pp. 455-466; Motyer, pp. 522-531***

- **Refreshment Host: G**



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Discussion Questions

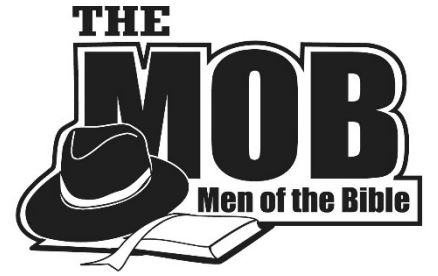


1. **64.1 “Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down ...” [Look at your adversaries! Do something about it!]
Have you ever felt it was time for God to intervene? What was the situation? How desperate were you? How did you pray?**
2. **64.4-5a We know you are a God “who acts on behalf of the one who waits for Him. You meet him who rejoices in doing righteousness, who remembers You in Your ways.” Did Israel measure up to God’s expectations here? As Christians today, how are we doing on that standard? What can we do to improve?**
3. **64.5b-7 What were the sins of Israel? How bad were they?**



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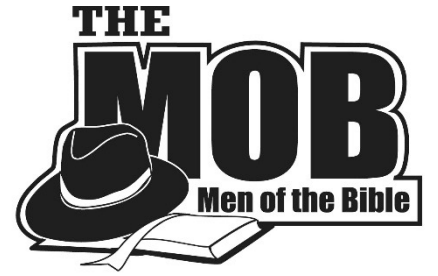


4. **64.5b After all our sin, is it even possible to be saved? This is a hard question. On what basis can we ask God to act on our behalf? [Isaiah found it in 64.8-12]**
5. **64.7 “There is none who arouses himself to take hold of YHWH.” They were hopeless, and they weren’t even trying to change. How about us today? How do we arouse ourselves? What does it look like to take hold of YHWH? What are biblical examples of doing that?**
6. **64.7 “You have delivered us into the power of our iniquities.” What does that look like? Is that occurring today? In the church? How do we avoid that?**



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Discussion Questions. p3



7. **64.8-11 On what basis can we ask God to act on our behalf?**

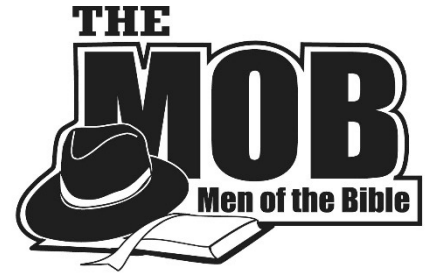
8. **64.10-12 Look at the situation, Lord – How can you sit idly by? Why did God delay acting on behalf of Israel? Why does He delay now?**

Come, Lord Jesus!



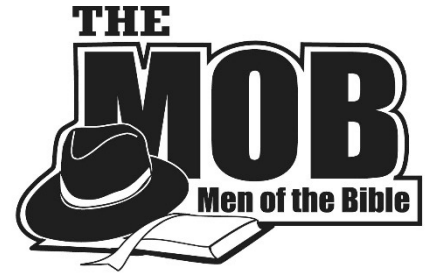
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Additional Slides





Isaiah 64:1-3 God's Intervention



The Israelites' condition was so desperate that | another special visitation from God was what they needed. The next time God did this was at the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.

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