

“Revive Us Again, O Lord, & Come Down Among Us” (Isaiah 63:15–64:12)

- “God, come down” the clearest language of revival we find in the Bible
- What is the reality behind Isa 64:1 ‘the felt presence of God’?
- Isaiah: “*at your presence*” x3 in 64:1-3. God’s presence -mountains quake
- God’s presence: a consuming fire devouring brush wood, boiling water
- God makes His name known- the nations tremble before Him (64:2b)
- Isaiah is talking about God making His enemies into worshippers
- Isaiah is not just talking, his longing for it- central word: Oh (64:1)
- Isaiah gives God no rest for Zion: till salvation goes forth-a burning torch
- He gives God no rest till His people are a praise on the earth (64:1, 7)
  - A. <sup>1</sup> Yearning: God’s Love (63:15, 16)
- Key word – ‘restrained’ – last word in vs 12 ‘Restrain Yourself’
- You are our Father! Abraham ignorant of us, Israel does not know us
  - B. <sup>1</sup> Lamentation: our hardened hearts (63:17–19)
- *They* have wandered from God’s ways. *They* do not fear God.
  - A. <sup>2</sup> Yearning: the presence of God (64:1–5a)
- We need the unmistakable intervention of the living God (64:3,4)
  - B. <sup>2</sup> Lamentation: our long-standing sins (64:5b–7)
- Unclean like lepers, righteous deeds like polluted garments, fade away like a leaf, our iniquities like the wind blow us about.
  - A. <sup>3</sup> Yearning: the touch of God (64:8, 9)
- This way of praying glorifies God: it expresses our radical need of Him
  - C. Appeal: the unrestrained God (64:10–12)
- Greatest prayer: for God to do his will, for his glory, in his way, by his gospel, in our generation, *without restraint*