

Isaiah 63
Rending Hearts? or Garments?

The Vengeance of God (1-6) ***Our God is extremely patient, but His vengeance does come. (I Peter 3:10)***

Robed in Splendor

Garments stained crimson – coming from Bozrah (Is. 34:6-8/Zech. 14:1-4/Acts 1:9-11)

Greatness of His strength ***The armies of heaven are behind Him (Revelation 19:13-15)***

Red garments – treading the winepress of wrath (Revelation 14:20)

Rage unleashed

Alone in His judgment (John 5:22) ***Jesus is the administrator of all judgment.***

Anger and wrath (II Chronicles 36:16) ***We can reach a point of no return, no remedy.***

Redemption through vengeance

Repulsed that there was no support (Ezekiel 22:30) ***There is no one righteous (Romans 3:10-12)***

His own arm worked salvation (Isaiah 59:16) ***There is no other Savior (Acts 4:12)***

His own wrath sustained Him ***He will make all things right!***

Reckoning with the nations

Partaking in the cup of His wrath (Ezek. 18:32 / II Pt. 3:9) ***All who refuse to repent!***

Pouring out their blood on the ground

The Heart of God (7-10)

His character: kindness; goodness; compassion (Exodus 34:6-7) ***Yet He does punish the wicked.***

His expectation: His people would not be false to their Savior (Isaiah 29:13 / Mark 7:6)

His distress: in their distress – sending the angel of His presence (Judges 10:16)

His grief: at the rebellion of His people (Genesis 6:5-6 / Ephesians 4:30-32)

The rejection of the Holy Spirit (Act 7:51) ***He desires that we respond to His love.***

The road to become His enemy (Eph. 4:32 / Jn. 3:36 / Heb. 10:29)

The Remembering of God's work and presence (11-14)

Recalling the days of old (Jeremiah 6:16) ***May we not turn from the path but remain true.***

When Moses led the people ***A leader who followed the LORD.***

Where God brought them through the sea ***Seeing God's mighty hand.***

Who set His Holy Spirit among them (John 14:15-17) ***His Presence!***

Recalling His power – gaining an everlasting renown (Psalm 71:15-18; 78:4-8) ***Do not forget.***

Recalling His guidance – leading them through the depths (Heb. 13:5) ***He is with us!***

Recalling His rest – given them by the Spirit of God (Phil. 4:7) ***His peace given to us.***

The Crying Out to God (15-19)

Look down and see us (Num. 6:24-26 / II Cor. 3:18) ***May He never turn His face away.***

Let our hearts be softened toward our Father (Jer. 4:3-4) ***Keep me from a hard heart.***

Let us be called by Your Name (Eph. 3:14-15) ***We are His! Praise the Lord!***

Discussion questions for Isaiah 63

On whom will God pour out His vengeance? (II Thessalonians 1:6-10 / Revelation 19:15-18 / Matthew 25:41-46 / Revelation 20:11-15) ***All who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the end of the tribulation, He will pour out His wrath on the armies of the antichrist (from all the nations of the world). After the tribulation, He will judge all of those who did not stand by His people and care for their needs. At the end of the Millennium, every soul that has ever lived will stand before the Great White Throne and all whose names are not found in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire for eternity.***

What is God's heart concerning His wrath? (Ezekiel 18:23, 30-32 / I Timothy 2:3-6 / II Peter 3:8-12) ***God created us for Himself, that we would enjoy Him and have a relationship with Him. He does not want anyone to perish, but He does not force our hand, He gives us all the opportunity to repent and believe in Him. God so loved us that He sent His own Son to bear our sin and become our redeemer. He wants us all to be saved. He is patient with us, giving us every opportunity to turn to Him, but His patience is not forever, His judgment and wrath will be poured out on those who refuse Him.***

Why is it important to remember God's mighty works? (Exodus 20:18-20 / Judges 2:10 / Psalm 71:15-18; 78:4-8; 145:3-7 / I Corinthians 11:23-26) ***That we might always fear Him and desire to follow Him. It only takes one generation to turn a people away from the Lord. It is important to remember and to share with the next generation the things that God has done. We have reason to praise Him, for He is our mighty God. We must never forget the CROSS, lest we think too highly of ourselves or too little of our Savior.***

What should be our cry to God? (Psalm 6:1-2 / Luke 18:13 / Ezra 8:22-23 / Exodus 33:15-17 / I Chronicles 16:8-11) ***We need His mercy. I never want to receive from my Lord what I deserve. I am so thankful for His covering and forgiveness of my sins. We need His grace. If His favor is not upon me, my life and ministry would fall apart. May His face continually shine upon us. We need His presence. I am so grateful that He dwells within me in the Person of His Spirit. I have His protection and power to live the life He calls me to live. We need His strength for apart from Him we can do nothing.***

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