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"A Light in the Darkness"

Isaiah 63:7-66:24

"Strength for today, hope for tomorrow"









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Remember

Respond

Rejoice



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Hope begins by remembering who God has always been



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- [7] I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
the praises of the LORD,
according to all that the LORD has granted us,
and the great goodness to the house of Israel
that he has granted them according to his compassion,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
- [8] For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely."
And he became their Savior.
- [9] In all their affliction he was afflicted,
and the angel of his presence saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. (ESV)

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between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden his face from you
so that he does not hear. Is 59:2 (ESV)

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64:1 Oh that you would rend the heavens
and come down,
that the mountains might
quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known
to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble
at your presence!



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6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

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8 But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

9 Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.

Behold, please look, we are all your people

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to a nation that was not called by my name

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I reached out day after day to a people who turned their backs on me,
People who make wrong turns, who insist on doing things their own way.

They get on my nerves, are rude to my face day after day,
Make up their own kitchen religion, a potluck religious stew.
They spend the night in tombs to get messages from the dead,
Eat forbidden foods and drink a witch's brew of potions and charms.
They say, 'Keep your distance. Don't touch me. I'm holier than thou.'
These people gag me. I can't stand their stench.
Look at this! Their sins are all written out—
I have the list before me. I'm not putting up with this any longer.

Isaiah 65:2-6 (The Message Bible)

*“Disobedience often begins at a point
where obedience would be easy,
but we do not think it important”*

-Alec Motyer

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Is 65:6b-7 I'll pay them the wages they have coming for their sins.
And for the sins of their parents lumped in, a bonus." God says
so.

"Because they've practiced their blasphemous worship,
mocking me at their hillside shrines, I'll let loose the
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and pay them in full for their actions."

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“Behold, my servants shall eat,

but you shall be hungry;

behold, my servants shall drink,

but you shall be thirsty;

behold, my servants shall rejoice,

but you shall be put to shame;

14 behold, my servants shall sing for gladness of heart,

but you shall cry out for pain of heart

and shall wail for breaking of spirit.



But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved...

Eph. 2:4-5



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God's ultimate purpose is restoration through his coming kingdom

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- **Peace replaces violence**

- a. No more weeping or distress (v19)

- b. Death is swallowed up (v20)

- 1 Cor. 15:54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

- c. They shall build and plant and enjoy the fruit of their labor unlike in Babylon (v21-22)

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- God's promises reach their fulfillment**

25 The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.

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18 “For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations.

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

- Jesus

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