



Advent

The Weight of Waiting: *Praying While We Wait*

Message Notes, December 2, 2019

Isaiah 64: 1-9

- Read and ponder on this prayer of Isaiah for the people of Judah (in exile).
 - Hear it and pray it in context of OUR day; in context of YOUR own life.
1. A prayer of calling on God to act
 2. A prayer of remembrance (of God's loving grace in the past)
 3. A prayer of repentance
 4. A prayer of quiet trust and patient waiting.
- How does this prayer connect to your life?
 - Commit to making some time this week (a few times perhaps) of meditating on this Isaiah prayer, making it your own.

Isaiah 64: 1-9 : ¹Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!

²As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,

come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!

³For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

⁴Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

⁵You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.

But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry.

How then can we be saved?

⁶All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;

we all shrivel up like a leaf,

and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

⁷No one calls on your name

or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to^{us} our sins.

⁹Yet you, LORD, are our Father.

We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD;
do not remember our sins forever.

Oh, look on us, we pray,
for we are all your people.