

*Responding to the damage
sin creates in the world.*

WHAT IS REALLY WRONG WITH THE



*“What is really wrong with the world” Part #5
Isaiah 64:1-2:1-9 Noah Largent 10/23/16*

1. Everyone wants God to come and deal directly with injustices in the world right now!

Isaiah is recalling events like God confronting Pharaoh and coming down on Mount Sinai. Calling on God to come down and confront their captors the Babylonians.

Isaiah 46:1-2 “If only you would tear apart the sky and come down! The mountains would tremble before you! 2 As when fire ignites dry wood, or fire makes water boil, let your adversaries know who you are, and may the nations shake at your presence!”

2. God is angry and sad at the condition of the world.

From the early pages of the Bible we can clearly see that the gift God gave man of free choice has dire consequences when misused. His anger/sadness is not just reserved for the Old Testament, but can be clearly seen in the actions and teaching of Jesus too.

Genesis 6:6 “The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.” (in Hebrew “regretted can mean to, “suffer grief).

1 Kings 11:9-10 The Lord became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the Lord

Mark 3:5 He (Jesus) looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts.

“God’s anger in the Bible is not like our anger. It’s not crankiness. It’s not ill temper. It’s not ego. It’s not explosion. It’s not out of control. It’s a settled, fixed, implacable, irrevocable, incorruptible opposition to injustice and evil.” -Tim Keller

3. Remember you are part of the problem too.

How much easier is it for us to get stirred up over other peoples sin than it is for us to recognize or deal with our sin? Isaiah understands it’s not just other people who would be affected if God were to come down and judge the world, we’d be in danger too!

Isaiah 64:5-7 ‘You 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? 6 All 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. 7 No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you’

4. God understands our condition and treats us graciously.

God’s justice is perfect so He can’t just overlook sin. Isaiah recognizes the problem this presents for himself and his friends. In an unexpected way, God does act to deal with the problem of sin and provides a way for us to have a restored relationship with Him.

Isaiah 64:6;8&9 6 How then can we be saved? 8 Let you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9 Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

How can we respond?

Acknowledge your sin ASAP.

Give thanks that you’re forgiven.

Pray for your enemies.

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