



When God Feels Far Away

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Isaiah 63:7-64:12

63:7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses. **8** For He said, "Surely they are My people, children who will not lie." So He became their Savior. **9** In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the [Mesenger] of His Presence saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bore them and carried them all the days of old. **10** But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; so He turned Himself against them as an enemy, and He fought against them. **11** Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his people, saying: "Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within them, **12** who led them by the right hand of Moses, with His glorious arm, dividing the water before them to make for Himself an everlasting name, **13** Who led them through the deep, as a horse in the wilderness, that they might not stumble?" **14** As a beast goes down into the valley, and the Spirit of the LORD causes him to rest, so You lead Your people, to make Yourself a glorious name.

15 Look down from heaven, and see from Your habitation, holy and glorious. Where are Your zeal and Your strength, the yearning of Your heart and Your mercies toward me? Are they restrained? **16** Doubtless You are our Father, though Abraham was ignorant of us, and Israel does not acknowledge us. You, O LORD, are our Father; our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name. **17** O LORD, why have You made us stray from Your ways, and hardened our heart from Your fear? Return for Your servants' sake, the tribes of Your inheritance. **18** Your holy people have possessed it but a little while; our adversaries have trodden down Your sanctuary. **19** We have become like those of old, over whom You never ruled, those who were never called by Your name.

64:1 Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence— **2** As fire burns brushwood, as fire causes water to boil— to make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence! **3** When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, the mountains shook at Your presence. **4** For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides You, who acts for the one who waits for Him. **5** You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, who remembers You in Your ways.

You are indeed angry, for we have sinned— in these ways we continue; and we need to be saved. **6** But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. **7** And there is no one who calls on Your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us, and have consumed us because of our iniquities.

8 But now, O LORD, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand. **9** Do not be furious, O LORD, nor remember iniquity forever; indeed, please look—we all are Your people! **10** Your holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. **11** Our holy and beautiful temple, where our fathers praised You, is burned up with fire; and all our pleasant things are laid waste. **12** Will You restrain Yourself because of these things, O LORD? Will You hold Your peace, and afflict us very severely?

(Isaiah 63:7-64:12, NKJV, modified)

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I. What Do I Do When God Feels Far Away?

1. (63:7-14).

2. (63:15-19).

3. (64:1-5a).

4. (64:5b-7).

5. (64:8-12).

II. Take Away

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