

Isaiah 63:1-19 **Winepress of God's Wrath – God's Mercy Remembered**

Yahweh in Judgment

1 Who is this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength? —

"I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."

2 Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?

3 "I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes.

4 For the day of vengeance is in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come.

5 I looked, but there was no one to help, And I wondered That there was no one to uphold; Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; And My own fury, it sustained Me.

6 I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, Made them drunk in My fury, And brought down their strength to the earth."

God's Mercy Remembered

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 Angel 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.

A Prayer of Penitence

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.

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Facts Revealed:

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"I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." [Isaiah 63:1]
- ✧ Yahweh is described as coming from Bozrah in Edom or from the East.
- ✧ Yahweh seems to have mostly approached Israel from the East just as the Tabernacle faced East.
- ✧ His garments are spattered with blood.
- ✧ Yahweh identified Himself as the One Who speaks in righteousness, Who is mighty to save.
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- ✧ The blood on the garments represents the death of those slain by the Lord in the winepress of His fury, speaking of the Great Tribulation and Judgment Seat of Christ as He purges the earth of all that offends God. [Revelation 14:18-20, 19:11-16, Isaiah 66:16, Matthew 13:41-42]

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- ✧ In the midst of a prophecy foretelling the Wrath of God, Isaiah stops to remind the people of the great mercy of God as demonstrated through their history.
- ✧ God only became their enemy because of their rebellion which grieved the Holy Spirit. [Isaiah 63:10, Ephesians 4:30]
- ✧ Yet in it all God remembers His mercy and rescues the remnant. [Romans 9:27]
- ✧ Yahweh does it all to make Himself a Glorious Name (reputation).

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◇ Isaiah pleads for Yahweh to renew His mercy toward Israel and take them back.

◇ The people who have turned from their God have become like the Gentiles who never knew Him.

◇ It is becoming the same in our world today.

◇ Therefore the Wrath of God and His purge are drawing very near.

This should call all of us to return to the Lord before it is too late.