

WHEN GOD COMES DOWN

Isaiah 63:7, 19; 64:1-12

We are so in need of a move of God! Isaiah prayed and cried out for a visitation...a move of God in his day. We are praying for God to move in our day. Let's look at Isaiah's prayer and his heart desires.

⁷ I shall make mention of the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, Which He has granted them according to His compassion and according to the abundance of His lovingkindnesses. ⁸ For He said, "Surely, they are My people, sons who will not deal falsely." 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 mercy He redeemed them, and He lifted them and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰ But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; therefore He turned Himself to become their enemy, He fought against them. Isaiah 63:7-10 NASB

- Isaiah prays about the multi-faceted loving kindnesses of the Lord, the great goodness and compassion in God's dealings with Israel.
 - He was afflicted with Israel's afflictions, He showed great compassions toward them.
 - And the angel of His presence saved them.
 - He redeemed them and carried them but they rebelled and grieved the Holy Spirit.

¹⁵ Look down from heaven and see from Your holy and glorious habitation; where are Your zeal and Your mighty deeds? The stirrings of Your heart and Your compassion are restrained toward me. ¹⁶ For You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us and

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Israel does not recognize us. You, O LORD, are our Father. Isaiah 63:-15-16 NASB

- “We have become like those over whom You have never ruled...we live like those who are not called by Your name...” **Isaiah 63:19 NASB**
- So, what did Isaiah do? He prays a most powerful prayer.

***64 Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at Your presence—² As fire kindles the 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 which we did not expect, You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence. ⁴ For from days of old they have not heard or perceived by ear, nor has the eye seen a God besides You, who acts in behalf of the one who waits for Him.
⁵ You meet him who rejoices in doing righteousness, who remembers You in Your ways. Behold, You were angry, for we sinned, we continued in them a long time; and shall we be saved? Isaiah 64:1-5 NASB***

- Things happen when God ‘comes down’.
 - Open heavens: divine breakthrough.
 - He comes down: incredible awareness and evidence of His powerful presence!
 - Mountains ‘tremble’ literally and figuratively.
 - Fire: the blaze of conviction, cleansing, and glory.
 - His powerful presence is to make His name known to God’s enemies and to the nations who did not believe.
 - When He comes down, He does things that we might not expect.
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- God's enemies 'tremble' and are visibly humiliated by His supernatural intervention.
- The fear of the Lord is widespread, making the way for mass evangelism.
- There are unexpected, unexplainable phenomenal results when this happens.
- The prayer connection...God acts on behalf of those who wait for Him and trust in Him.
- In such a visitation of His presence, He does..."far beyond our dreams, far beyond all that men have ever heard of...no eye has ever seen the mighty deeds that Thou wilt do, for those who look to Thee." **Isaiah 64:4 Moffat**
- ..."The nations tremble at Your presence...(Your presence) working unexpected miracles such as no one has ever heard of before..." **Isaiah 64:4 Jerusalem Bible**
- He meets (encounters) those who rejoice in righteousness...those who 'remember Him' in their way of life...(v5)
- He comes to those who are expressly coming to Him...He comes to ALL, but He 'meets' those who are coming expectantly.
- Wouldn't it be awesome if God came down?!

¹⁰ The LORD also said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments; ¹¹ and let them be ready for the third day, for on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. Exodus 19:10-11 NASB

¹⁶ So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. ¹⁷ And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ Now Mount Sinai was all in smoke because the LORD descended upon

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it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked violently. ¹⁹ When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with thunder. ²⁰ The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. ²¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go down, warn the people, so that they do not break through to the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish. Exodus 19:16-21 NASB

11 When Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.

² Now when John, while imprisoned, heard of the works of Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to Him, "Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?" ⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM. ⁶ And blessed is he who does not take offense at Me." Matthew 11:1-6 NASB

- ***Look at what Jesus gave to John's disciples as evidence of Him coming down to earth from heaven:***
 - ***The blind receive their sight.***
 - ***The lame walk.***
 - ***The lepers are cleansed.***
 - ***The deaf hear.***
 - ***The dead are raised.***
 - ***The poor have the Gospel preached to them.***
 - ***These are evidences of kingdom breakthrough...OPEN heavens.***
- ***When the Lord 'moves', there is 'cause for stumbling'...there are violations of religious traditions, unexpected 'phenomena',***

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***unusual vessels may be used, unusual people and places,
unprecedented methods and manifestations...***

- ***When Jesus came, all these things happened and the 'mountains of orthodoxy' were trembling!***
- ***Those who have been praying for the next Great Awakening are perhaps least likely to be 'stumbled' by the way He chooses to come.***

***Don't you want Him to come?
Oh Lord, that You would rend the Heavens and come down!***