



Prayer That Rends Down The heavens

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calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee...” (Isaiah 64:7).

In Isaiah 65:24 we have a glorious and faithful promise from God **“And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear”**. Equally awesome are the promises in the preceding verses (i.e. 21-23) which also reveals God’s perfect will and desire for all His children, such as:

- 1) They will build houses and inhabit them
- 2) They shall eat the fruit of their vineyards
- 3) They will not be robbed of the fruit of their labours
- 4) Pleasant longevity as ‘the days of a tree are’
- 5) They shall long enjoy the work of their hands
- 6) They shall not labour in vain
- 7) They shall not bring forth for trouble.

Numbers 23:19 reveals the faithfulness and reliability of God’s promises **“God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”** Despite divine faithfulness, many people are still strangers to the realisation of these promises because they have failed to meet the necessary conditions, outlined in the preceding chapter - Isaiah 64:1-12 reproduced below:

1 Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, **2** As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence! **3** When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.

4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. **5** Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. **6** But we are all as an unclean [thing], and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. **7** **And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.** **8** But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. **9** Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people. **10** Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. **11** Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste. **12** Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

God’s promises are sure, but we must rise up to claim them **“Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock”** (Ezekiel 36:37).