# CRAWFORD BIBLE COMMENTARY

# BIBLE STUDY

# Isaiah Chapter 63 — The Day of Vengeance and the Mercy of God

## A Verse-by-Verse Bible Study from the Crawford Standard Bible

# Introduction

Isaiah Chapter 63 presents one of the most dramatic contrasts in the book of Isaiah.

The chapter begins with:

Judgment.

Wrath.

Vengeance.

The winepress.

The Divine Warrior.

But then it moves toward:

Mercy.

Compassion.

Redemption.

The Holy Spirit.

Remembered deliverance.

Prayer.

And the fatherhood of God.

Isaiah 62 ended with the announcement:

**“Behold, your salvation comes!”**

Isaiah 63 immediately asks:

**“Who is this coming from Edom?”**

The answer is majestic:

**“It is I, the One who speaks in righteousness, mighty to save.”**

The One who comes is presented as both:

Judge.

And:

Savior.

He brings judgment against evil while bringing redemption to His people.

The first six verses contain the terrifying picture of:

A winepress.

The nations are portrayed as being crushed beneath divine judgment.

The garments of the Divine Warrior are stained because He has executed righteous vengeance.

Yet even in the midst of this judgment we hear:

**“Mighty to save.”**

Judgment and salvation therefore stand beside each other.

For those who oppose God:

Judgment.

For those whom He redeems:

Salvation.

Then Isaiah suddenly changes direction.

Instead of continuing to describe judgment, he begins remembering:

**“The steadfast love of the Lord.”**

He remembers:

God's goodness.

God's compassion.

God's covenant love.

God's redemption.

God carrying His people.

God rescuing Israel.

God placing His Holy Spirit among them.

But the memory is painful because Israel:

Rebelled.

And:

Grieved His Holy Spirit.

The God who loved them was resisted by the very people He had redeemed.

Then the people remember:

Moses.

The Red Sea.

The divided waters.

The glorious arm of God.

The Spirit who gave rest.

They look backward because their present circumstances cause them to ask:

**“Where is the God who did these things?”**

Finally the chapter becomes:

Prayer.

Israel cries:

**“Look down from heaven and see.”**

Then comes one of the great declarations of the chapter:

**“You are our Father.”**

Even if Abraham does not know them.

Even if Israel does not acknowledge them.

The Lord remains:

Their Father.

Their Redeemer.

Isaiah 63 therefore moves from:

The Warrior.

To:

The Father.

From:

Vengeance.

To:

Compassion.

From:

The winepress.

To:

The remembered exodus.

From:

Rebellion.

To:

Prayer.

From:

Judgment.

To:

A cry for mercy.

The central truth of Isaiah 63 is:

**The Lord is the righteous Divine Warrior who judges evil and saves His redeemed; He is also the compassionate covenant God who remembers His people, shares their affliction, gives His Spirit, carries them through their wilderness, and remains their Father and Redeemer even when they cry to Him from the consequences of rebellion.**

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# I. THE WARRIOR FROM EDOM

## Isaiah 63:1 — Mighty to Save

**“Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah, with crimson-stained garments—this One glorious in His apparel, marching in the greatness of His strength?”**

**“It is I, the One who speaks in righteousness, mighty to save.”**

The chapter opens with:

A question.

Someone approaches from:

Edom.

More specifically:

Bozrah.

His clothing is:

Crimson-stained.

His appearance is:

Glorious.

His movement displays:

Strength.

The question is:

Who is He?

The answer:

The righteous One.

The powerful One.

The saving One.

# Cross References

### Revelation 19:11

John sees heaven opened and Christ riding upon a white horse. He is faithful and true, and He judges and makes war in righteousness.

### Revelation 19:13

The victorious Christ is clothed in a garment marked with blood, and His name is identified with the Word of God.

### Habakkuk 3:3

Habakkuk pictures God coming in majesty, with His glory covering the heavens and His praise filling the earth.

# Spiritual Principle

God's judgment is never:

Unrighteous.

His power is joined with:

Righteousness.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The One powerful enough to judge the nations is also mighty enough to save the redeemed.**

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# II. “WHO IS THIS?”

Isaiah begins with:

A question of identity.

The approaching figure cannot be ignored.

He is:

Glorious.

Powerful.

Victorious.

## Spiritual Principle

God sometimes reveals Himself in ways that force people to ask:

Who is this?

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# III. COMING FROM EDOM

Edom frequently represents:

Hostility toward God's people.

Opposition.

Pride.

Judgment.

The Divine Warrior emerges victorious.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**No territory of opposition is beyond the reach of God's righteous authority.**

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# IV. BOZRAH

Bozrah was an important city of:

Edom.

Its mention makes the scene:

Concrete.

Historical.

Judicial.

## Spiritual Principle

God's judgment is not merely:

Abstract theology.

He acts within:

History.

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# V. CRIMSON-STAINED GARMENTS

His garments reveal:

Conflict.

Judgment.

Victory.

This prepares us for:

The winepress imagery.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The Savior is not weak because He is merciful, and the Judge is not unjust because He is powerful.**

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# VI. GLORIOUS IN HIS APPAREL

Even after judgment:

He remains glorious.

His glory is not diminished by:

Justice.

## Spiritual Principle

God's holiness includes:

Righteous judgment.

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# VII. MARCHING IN GREAT STRENGTH

The Warrior does not:

Stagger.

Retreat.

Struggle toward victory.

He marches in:

Greatness.

Strength.

Authority.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**God does not barely survive His enemies; He advances in sovereign strength.**

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# VIII. “I SPEAK IN RIGHTEOUSNESS”

His words are:

True.

Just.

Faithful.

His judgment proceeds from:

Righteousness.

## Spiritual Principle

God never needs:

Falsehood.

Exaggeration.

Manipulation.

To accomplish His purpose.

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# IX. “MIGHTY TO SAVE”

This is the great hope within the terrifying scene.

He is mighty:

To judge.

But Isaiah emphasizes:

To save.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Never become so occupied with the judgment imagery of Isaiah 63 that you miss the declaration at its center: He is mighty to save.**

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# X. WHY ARE YOUR GARMENTS RED?

## Isaiah 63:2 — The Winepress

**“Why are Your garments red, and Your clothes like the one who treads the winepress?”**

The observer notices:

The color.

The stains.

The resemblance to:

A worker in a winepress.

The question now changes from:

Who are You?

To:

Why are You covered this way?

## Cross References

### Revelation 19:15

From Christ comes the authority by which the nations are struck, and He is described as treading the winepress of the fierce wrath of Almighty God.

### Lamentations 1:15

Jerusalem's judgment is portrayed with winepress imagery as the Lord crushes rebellion beneath righteous judgment.

### Joel 3:13

The nations are summoned to judgment because wickedness has become great, pictured as a harvest ready for the sickle and a winepress overflowing.

## Spiritual Principle

Sin eventually encounters:

Divine justice.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The winepress reminds us that God may delay judgment, but delay should never be mistaken for indifference.**

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# XI. THE WINEPRESS IMAGE

A winepress involves:

Pressure.

Crushing.

Juice flowing beneath the feet.

Isaiah transforms this familiar image into:

Judgment imagery.

## Spiritual Principle

Biblical judgment is:

Serious.

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# XII. SIN HAS CONSEQUENCES

The redness of the garments tells us:

Something happened.

Judgment has been:

Executed.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Sin may appear harmless while it is growing, but the day of divine accounting reveals its true seriousness.**

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# XIII. “I HAVE TRODDEN THE WINEPRESS ALONE”

## Isaiah 63:3 — Judgment Accomplished Alone

**“I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the nations no one was with Me. I trampled them in My anger and crushed them in My fury; their blood spattered on My garments, and I stained all My clothing.”**

The Warrior says:

Alone.

No nation helped Him.

No army strengthened Him.

No human coalition accomplished the victory.

His own power was:

Enough.

## Cross References

### Revelation 14:19

An angel gathers the earth's wicked harvest and casts it into the great winepress of God's wrath.

### Revelation 14:20

The winepress is trodden in judgment, presenting a severe picture of the consequences of rebellion against God.

### Lamentations 1:15

The Lord's judgment upon rebellion is again compared to grapes being crushed in a winepress.

## Spiritual Principle

God does not require:

Human assistance.

To accomplish:

Divine judgment.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**When God says, “I have trodden the winepress alone,” He reminds us that His sovereignty never depends upon human reinforcement.**

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# XIV. NO ONE WAS WITH ME

The victory belongs:

Entirely.

To God.

## Spiritual Principle

Divine power is:

Self-sufficient.

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# XV. ANGER AND FURY

God's anger is not:

Petty irritation.

Uncontrolled temper.

Personal insecurity.

It is His holy response to:

Evil.

Rebellion.

Injustice.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**God's wrath is not holiness temporarily lost; it is holiness responding to evil.**

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# XVI. THE STAINED GARMENTS

The clothing communicates:

Judgment has actually occurred.

This is not merely:

A warning.

It is:

Execution of judgment.

## Spiritual Principle

There comes a point when warning gives way to:

Accountability.

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# XVII. THE DAY OF VENGEANCE

## Isaiah 63:4 — Judgment and Redemption

**“For the day of vengeance was in My heart, and the year of My redeemed had come.”**

Two ideas stand together:

Vengeance.

Redemption.

A day:

Of judgment.

A year:

Of redemption.

God's judgment upon oppressors becomes connected with:

Deliverance for His people.

## Cross References

### Isaiah 61:2

The Servant proclaims both the acceptable year of the Lord and the day when God brings righteous vengeance.

### Luke 21:22

Jesus speaks of days of judgment in which what Scripture has warned will be fulfilled.

### 2 Thessalonians 1:8

The returning Lord brings righteous judgment against those who persist in rejecting God and the gospel.

## Spiritual Principle

The same divine intervention may mean:

Judgment for rebellion.

And:

Deliverance for the redeemed.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**God's day of judgment is also the day His oppressed people discover that evil did not have the final word.**

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# XVIII. “IN MY HEART”

The judgment is:

Purposeful.

Deliberate.

Not:

Accidental.

## Spiritual Principle

God's actions arise from:

His holy character.

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# XIX. THE YEAR OF MY REDEEMED

God has:

A people.

He calls them:

My redeemed.

Their redemption belongs to:

His purpose.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The Judge speaks of vengeance, but He speaks of His people with the language of possession: “My redeemed.”**

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# XX. NO ONE TO HELP

## Isaiah 63:5 — His Own Arm Brought Salvation

**“I looked, but there was no one to help; I was amazed that no one upheld Me. So My own arm brought salvation, and My wrath sustained Me.”**

Again we find:

No helper.

No supporter.

No human rescuer.

Therefore:

His own arm saves.

## Cross References

### Isaiah 59:16

The Lord sees that there is no human intercessor capable of solving the crisis, so His own arm brings salvation.

### Psalm 98:1

The Lord accomplishes marvelous victory through His own right hand and holy arm.

### Isaiah 51:9

God's people call upon the mighty arm of the Lord, remembering His ancient acts of deliverance.

## Spiritual Principle

Salvation ultimately depends upon:

God.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**When no human arm is strong enough, God's arm remains sufficient.**

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# XXI. “I LOOKED”

God sees:

The absence of help.

Nothing is hidden.

## Spiritual Principle

Human inadequacy never catches God:

Unprepared.

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# XXII. HIS OWN ARM

The arm symbolizes:

Power.

Action.

Strength.

Intervention.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The arm that divided the sea is the arm that brings salvation when human strength fails.**

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# XXIII. SALVATION DID NOT COME FROM MAN

No nation.

No coalition.

No earthly champion.

Could claim:

Credit.

## Spiritual Principle

Salvation gives glory to:

God alone.

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# XXIV. THE NATIONS TRAMPLED

## Isaiah 63:6 — Judgment Poured Out

**“I trampled the nations in My anger; I made them stagger in My fury and poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”**

The judgment reaches:

Nations.

Human greatness cannot:

Shield rebellion.

## Cross References

### Psalm 60:12

Through God His people gain victory, because He alone can overcome their enemies.

### Jeremiah 25:30

The Lord's judgment is pictured as a mighty roar against the nations and the inhabitants of the earth.

### Joel 3:13

The nations are pictured like a ripe harvest and an overflowing winepress ready for judgment.

## Spiritual Principle

National power does not make people:

Accountable to no one.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**No throne is high enough, no army large enough, and no nation powerful enough to place rebellion beyond God's judgment.**

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# XXV. THE WARRIOR SECTION AS A WHOLE

Verses 1–6 reveal:

Righteousness.

Strength.

Judgment.

Vengeance.

Redemption.

Salvation.

## Key Truth

The Divine Warrior is not merely:

Against something.

He is acting:

For His redeemed.

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# XXVI. THE LORD'S COMPASSION REMEMBERED

## Isaiah 63:7 — Remembering Steadfast Love

**“I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all the Lord has granted us—the great goodness He has shown to the house of Israel according to His compassion and the abundance of His love.”**

The tone changes dramatically.

From:

Wrath.

To:

Love.

From:

Judgment.

To:

Remembrance.

Isaiah says:

I will recount.

He intentionally remembers:

The Lord's steadfast love.

## Cross References

### Psalm 89:1

The psalmist determines to sing continually about the Lord's steadfast love and proclaim His faithfulness.

### Lamentations 3:22

God's steadfast love does not cease, and His compassion does not come to an end.

### Psalm 103:2

The believer is commanded to bless the Lord and not forget all the good things He has done.

## Spiritual Principle

Faith strengthens itself by:

Remembering God's goodness.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**When present circumstances make God seem distant, begin recounting what His mercy has already done.**

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# XXVII. “I WILL RECOUNT”

Remembering must sometimes be:

Intentional.

The prophet chooses to:

Speak.

Recall.

Rehearse.

## Spiritual Principle

Memory can become:

Worship.

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# XXVIII. STEADFAST LOVE

God's love is not:

Temporary emotion.

It is connected with:

Covenant faithfulness.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**God's steadfast love is not measured by how easy the present moment feels.**

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# XXIX. THE PRAISES OF THE LORD

Remembering produces:

Praise.

## Spiritual Principle

The memory of grace should become:

The language of worship.

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# XXX. GREAT GOODNESS

Isaiah does not describe God's goodness as:

Small.

He calls it:

Great.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Count God's mercies long enough and complaint will eventually have to share the room with gratitude.**

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# XXXI. COMPASSION AND ABUNDANT LOVE

God's treatment of Israel flowed from:

Compassion.

Abundant love.

## Spiritual Principle

God's covenant dealings reveal:

His heart.

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# XXXII. “SURELY THEY ARE MY PEOPLE”

## Isaiah 63:8 — He Became Their Savior

**“For He said, ‘Surely they are My people, children who will not be false to Me.’ And so He became their Savior.”**

God identifies Israel as:

My people.

He expects:

Faithfulness.

He acts as:

Savior.

## Cross References

### Exodus 4:22

God identifies Israel as His son and commands Pharaoh to release the people who belong to Him.

### Hosea 11:1

God recalls His love for Israel and how He called His son out of Egypt.

### Deuteronomy 32:6

Israel is reminded that the Lord is their Father, Maker, and the One who established them as a people.

## Spiritual Principle

Covenant privilege carries:

Covenant responsibility.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The God who says, “My people,” rightfully expects His people to live as though they belong to Him.**

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# XXXIII. “MY PEOPLE”

These words express:

Belonging.

Relationship.

Covenant.

## Spiritual Principle

Redemption creates:

A people belonging to God.

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# XXXIV. CHILDREN WHO WILL NOT BE FALSE

God desired:

Faithfulness.

Truth.

Loyalty.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Grace does not lower the value of faithfulness; grace gives us greater reason to be faithful.**

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# XXXV. HE BECAME THEIR SAVIOR

Israel could not:

Save itself.

God acted.

## Spiritual Principle

The story of redemption begins with:

God's initiative.

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# XXXVI. IN ALL THEIR SUFFERING

## Isaiah 63:9 — The Compassionate Redeemer

**“In all their suffering He suffered, and the Angel of His Presence saved them. In His love and compassion He redeemed them; He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.”**

This is one of Isaiah's deepest descriptions of:

Divine compassion.

Their suffering mattered to:

God.

He did not remain:

Detached.

He:

Saved.

Redeemed.

Lifted.

Carried.

## Cross References

### Exodus 14:19

The Angel of God moved in connection with Israel's deliverance, standing between God's people and the pursuing Egyptian army.

### Exodus 23:20

God promised to send His Angel before Israel to guard them and lead them toward the place He had prepared.

### Zechariah 2:8

God identifies so closely with His people that harming them is compared to touching what is precious to Him.

## Spiritual Principle

God is not indifferent to:

The suffering of His people.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The God who carries His people does not watch their pain from a safe distance.**

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# XXXVII. HE SUFFERED WITH THEM

Their affliction touched:

His compassion.

## Spiritual Principle

God's compassion is:

Personal.

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# XXXVIII. THE ANGEL OF HIS PRESENCE

God's saving presence accompanied:

Israel.

He was not merely:

Sending instructions.

He was:

Present.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The greatest gift in deliverance is not merely escape from trouble but the presence of God within it.**

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# XXXIX. IN HIS LOVE AND COMPASSION

Redemption flows from:

Love.

Compassion.

Not:

Israel's worthiness.

## Spiritual Principle

Grace originates in:

God's character.

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# XL. HE REDEEMED THEM

To redeem is to:

Rescue.

Deliver.

Claim.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Redemption means the people who could not free themselves were claimed by the One strong enough to rescue them.**

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# XLI. HE LIFTED THEM UP

God did not merely:

Point toward safety.

He:

Lifted.

## Spiritual Principle

Divine compassion acts.

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# XLII. HE CARRIED THEM

The image is:

Tender.

Protective.

Personal.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Sometimes God's greatest miracle is not removing the wilderness but carrying us through it.**

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# XLIII. ALL THE DAYS OF OLD

God's faithfulness had:

History.

Israel possessed:

A testimony.

## Spiritual Principle

Yesterday's faithfulness provides grounds for:

Today's trust.

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# XLIV. THEY REBELLED

## Isaiah 63:10 — Grieving the Holy Spirit

**“But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit. So He turned and became their enemy; He Himself fought against them.”**

One word changes everything:

**But.**

God had:

Loved.

Redeemed.

Carried.

Protected.

Yet:

They rebelled.

Their rebellion:

Grieved His Holy Spirit.

## Cross References

### Ephesians 4:30

Believers are warned not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom they are sealed for the day of redemption.

### Numbers 14:11

God confronts Israel for continuing to despise Him and refusing to believe despite the signs He performed among them.

### Psalm 78:40

Israel repeatedly rebelled against God in the wilderness and caused grief through persistent disobedience.

## Spiritual Principle

Those who have experienced grace can still:

Resist God.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Past deliverance does not give us permission for present rebellion.**

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# XLV. REBELLION AFTER REDEMPTION

This makes Israel's sin especially tragic.

They rebelled against the One who:

Saved them.

Carried them.

Loved them.

## Spiritual Principle

The greater the grace remembered, the more serious rebellion appears.

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# XLVI. THEY GRIEVED HIS HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is not presented as:

Impersonal force.

He can be:

Grieved.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Sin is not merely breaking a rule; it grieves the Holy Spirit whose presence is among God's people.**

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# XLVII. GOD FOUGHT AGAINST THEM

The One who fought:

For Israel.

Could discipline:

Israel.

## Spiritual Principle

Covenant relationship does not eliminate:

Divine discipline.

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# XLVIII. THE DANGER OF PRESUMPTION

Israel could not say:

God once delivered us, therefore our present behavior does not matter.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Never turn yesterday's mercy into today's excuse for disobedience.**

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# XLIX. REMEMBERING GOD'S DELIVERANCE

## Isaiah 63:11 — Where Is the God of Moses?

**“Then His people remembered the days of old, of Moses: Where is the One who brought them through the sea with the shepherd of His flock? Where is the One who set His Holy Spirit among them?”**

Now memory returns again.

They remember:

Moses.

The sea.

The flock.

The Holy Spirit.

Their question is:

Where is He?

## Cross References

### Exodus 14:22

Israel passed through the sea on dry ground while the waters stood on either side of them.

### Psalm 77:20

God led His people like a flock through the leadership of Moses and Aaron.

### Micah 6:4

God reminds Israel that He brought them out of Egypt, redeemed them from slavery, and gave them leaders.

## Spiritual Principle

In times of crisis, God's people often survive by remembering:

What He has done before.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**A generation asking, “Where is God?” should begin by remembering where God has already proven faithful.**

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# L. THE DAYS OF OLD

Memory reaches backward.

Not merely toward:

Nostalgia.

But toward:

Evidence.

## Spiritual Principle

Biblical remembrance strengthens:

Faith.

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# LI. MOSES

Moses represents:

Deliverance.

Leadership.

Exodus.

Covenant history.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**God's servants change from generation to generation, but the God who leads His flock remains the same.**

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# LII. THROUGH THE SEA

The sea represented:

An impossible barrier.

God made:

A pathway.

## Spiritual Principle

God can make a road where human eyes see:

Only water.

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# LIII. THE SHEPHERD OF HIS FLOCK

The people are pictured as:

A flock.

God provides:

Leadership.

Direction.

Protection.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The flock belongs to God even when He chooses human shepherds to guide it.**

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# LIV. HIS HOLY SPIRIT AMONG THEM

The Holy Spirit was not an afterthought.

His presence belonged to:

Israel's redemptive history.

## Spiritual Principle

God's people need more than:

External direction.

They need:

Divine presence.

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# LV. HIS GLORIOUS ARM

## Isaiah 63:12 — An Everlasting Name

**“Who sent His glorious arm of power to be at Moses' right hand, who divided the waters before them to make for Himself an everlasting name,”**

God's power stood:

With Moses.

The waters divided.

But the ultimate purpose was:

God's name.

God's glory.

## Cross References

### Exodus 14:21

At God's command, Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the waters back so Israel could cross.

### Psalm 78:13

God divided the sea and led His people through while the waters stood like walls.

### Joshua 3:16

When Israel later crossed the Jordan, God again stopped the waters so His people could pass.

## Spiritual Principle

Miracles ultimately point beyond:

The servant.

To:

The God who acts.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**God may place His power beside a Moses, but the everlasting name belongs to God.**

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# LVI. AT MOSES' RIGHT HAND

Moses was the visible leader.

God was:

The power behind him.

## Spiritual Principle

Effective ministry depends upon:

Divine enablement.

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# LVII. HE DIVIDED THE WATERS

What looked:

Impossible.

Was divided by:

God.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Do not confuse the staff in Moses' hand with the power in God's arm.**

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# LVIII. AN EVERLASTING NAME

The Exodus was not merely:

Israel's escape.

It revealed:

God's character.

## Spiritual Principle

God's works make known:

His name.

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# LIX. THROUGH THE DEPTHS

## Isaiah 63:13 — They Did Not Stumble

**“Who led them through the depths? Like a horse running in the wilderness, they did not stumble.”**

God did more than:

Open the way.

He:

Led them through it.

## Cross References

### Exodus 15:19

Israel crossed safely through the sea while the Egyptian forces were overwhelmed when the waters returned.

### Psalm 106:9

God rebuked the Red Sea, dried it up, and led His people through the depths as though they were crossing a wilderness.

### Jeremiah 2:6

Israel later remembered the Lord who brought them through a dangerous wilderness filled with difficulty and darkness.

## Spiritual Principle

God does not merely create:

An opening.

He guides His people:

Through.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The God who opens the path also knows how to keep His people from stumbling while they walk through it.**

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# LX. THROUGH THE DEPTHS

The route itself seemed:

Dangerous.

Yet God made it:

Passable.

## Spiritual Principle

God can lead through places we would never choose:

For ourselves.

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# LXI. THEY DID NOT STUMBLE

The pathway was unusual.

But God's guidance was:

Reliable.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**An unfamiliar road is safe when the familiar Shepherd is leading.**

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# LXII. THE SPIRIT GAVE REST

## Isaiah 63:14 — Led for His Glorious Name

**“As cattle go down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest. So You led Your people, to make a glorious name for Yourself.”**

The image changes from:

Horse.

To:

Cattle descending into a peaceful valley.

The Spirit provides:

Rest.

God provides:

Leadership.

The result:

His name receives glory.

## Cross References

### Deuteronomy 12:9

Israel looked forward to entering the rest and inheritance God would give them.

### Hebrews 4:9

Scripture speaks of a continuing rest that belongs to the people of God.

### Psalm 78:53

God guided Israel safely so that they did not need to fear while judgment overtook their enemies.

## Spiritual Principle

The Spirit who leads can also give:

Rest.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**God does not lead His people endlessly from crisis to crisis without purpose; He also knows the valley where His Spirit gives rest.**

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# LXIII. THE VALLEY

The valley here pictures:

Rest.

Security.

Refreshment.

## Spiritual Principle

God's leading includes seasons of:

Peace.

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# LXIV. THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

The same Spirit who was:

Grieved.

Is remembered as the Spirit who:

Gave rest.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Do not grieve the Spirit whose presence is the very source of the rest you need.**

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# LXV. “YOU LED YOUR PEOPLE”

God's leadership is:

Personal.

Persistent.

Purposeful.

## Spiritual Principle

God's people are not:

Self-led.

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# LXVI. TO MAKE A GLORIOUS NAME

Again God's actions point toward:

His reputation.

His glory.

His revealed character.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**God's greatest works leave His people grateful and His name glorious.**

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# LXVII. PRAYER FOR GOD'S MERCY

## Isaiah 63:15 — Look Down from Heaven

**“Look down from heaven and see, from Your lofty throne of holiness and glory. Where are Your zeal and Your might? Your tenderness and compassion are withheld from us.”**

Memory now becomes:

Prayer.

They have remembered:

What God did.

Now they ask:

God to act again.

## Cross References

### Deuteronomy 26:15

Israel prays for God to look down from His holy dwelling in heaven and bless His people.

### Psalm 80:14

The psalmist pleads with God to return, look down from heaven, and care for His people.

### 2 Chronicles 6:21

Solomon asks God to hear the prayers of His people from His heavenly dwelling and respond with forgiveness.

## Spiritual Principle

Remembered mercy should lead to:

Present prayer.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The best use of yesterday's testimony is to turn it into today's prayer.**

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# LXVIII. “LOOK DOWN”

The prayer is:

Bold.

Direct.

Urgent.

## Spiritual Principle

Faith speaks honestly to:

God.

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# LXIX. THE THRONE OF HOLINESS AND GLORY

God is:

Exalted.

Holy.

Glorious.

Yet Israel still calls upon:

Him.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The throne is high, but prayer is not too low to reach it.**

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# LXX. WHERE IS YOUR ZEAL?

They remember:

The God who once acted powerfully.

Now they long for:

Renewed intervention.

## Spiritual Principle

Spiritual longing often begins by recognizing:

How much we need God to act.

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# LXXI. WHERE IS YOUR MIGHT?

They know:

God has power.

The question is not:

Can You?

But:

Will You act again?

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Faith does not deny the silence of the present; it appeals to the power revealed in the past.**

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# LXXII. TENDERNESS AND COMPASSION

Israel longs for what Isaiah has already remembered:

Divine compassion.

## Spiritual Principle

God's people need more than:

Power.

They need:

Mercy.

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# LXXIII. “YOU ARE OUR FATHER”

## Isaiah 63:16 — Our Redeemer from Everlasting

**“Yet You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us and Israel does not acknowledge us. You, O Lord, are our Father; our Redeemer from everlasting is Your name.”**

This is one of the chapter's strongest declarations.

Whatever else is uncertain:

**You are our Father.**

Human ancestry cannot be:

Their final refuge.

Their appeal rests upon:

God.

## Cross References

### Malachi 2:10

God's people are reminded that they share one Father and were created by one God.

### Matthew 6:9

Jesus teaches His disciples to approach God in prayer as their Father in heaven.

### John 8:39

Jesus challenges people who relied upon physical descent from Abraham while failing to live with the faithfulness Abraham demonstrated.

## Spiritual Principle

Spiritual security ultimately rests in:

God.

Not merely:

Ancestry.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**When human connections fail, God's people can still cry, “You, O Lord, are our Father.”**

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# LXXIV. ABRAHAM DOES NOT KNOW US

The patriarch cannot:

Rescue them.

Ancestry alone cannot:

Save.

## Spiritual Principle

Spiritual heritage must never replace:

Present relationship with God.

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# LXXV. ISRAEL DOES NOT ACKNOWLEDGE US

Even the greatest human forefathers are:

Insufficient.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Faith may respect its heritage without worshiping its family tree.**

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# LXXVI. OUR FATHER

God is not merely:

The God of ancestors.

He is:

Our Father.

## Spiritual Principle

Prayer becomes personal when theology says:

Our.

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# LXXVII. OUR REDEEMER

Father.

Redeemer.

The two titles stand together.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The Father who claims His people is also the Redeemer who pays the price to rescue them.**

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# LXXVIII. FROM EVERLASTING

God's redemptive character is not:

Temporary.

He has always been:

Faithful.

## Spiritual Principle

Our crisis is temporary.

God's character is:

Everlasting.

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# LXXIX. WHY DO YOU MAKE US STRAY?

## Isaiah 63:17 — A Cry for Restoration

**“Why, O Lord, do You make us stray from Your ways and harden our hearts so we do not fear You? Return, for the sake of Your servants, the tribes that are Your inheritance.”**

This is difficult language.

The prayer recognizes:

Divine judgment.

Human hardening.

Spiritual wandering.

Yet it ends by pleading:

Return.

## Cross References

### Psalm 90:13

Moses pleads with the Lord to return and show compassion toward His servants.

### Exodus 32:12

Moses intercedes for Israel and asks God to turn from severe judgment for the sake of His covenant reputation and promises.

### Romans 9:18

Paul teaches that God shows mercy according to His sovereign purpose and may judicially harden those who persist in unbelief.

## Spiritual Principle

Persistent rebellion can result in:

Judicial hardening.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**One of the most dangerous judgments upon rebellion is being allowed to continue down the road rebellion has chosen.**

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# LXXX. STRAYING FROM HIS WAYS

God's ways represent:

Truth.

Holiness.

Obedience.

To stray is to:

Leave the path.

## Spiritual Principle

A wrong path eventually produces:

Distance.

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# LXXXI. HARDENED HEARTS

Hardness produces:

Lack of fear.

Resistance.

Insensitivity.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**A hardened heart can stand close to sacred things while becoming increasingly unable to feel their weight.**

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# LXXXII. “RETURN”

This is the heart of the prayer.

Return.

Act again.

Show mercy again.

Restore again.

## Spiritual Principle

Revival begins with:

Longing for God's renewed presence.

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# LXXXIII. FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SERVANTS

The appeal is grounded in:

Relationship.

Covenant.

God's own purposes.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Biblical prayer appeals not merely to our need but to God's name, covenant, promises, and people.**

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# LXXXIV. THE TRIBES OF YOUR INHERITANCE

Israel belongs to:

God.

They appeal to:

His ownership.

## Spiritual Principle

God's inheritance should desire:

God's presence.

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# LXXXV. THE SANCTUARY TRAMPLED

## Isaiah 63:18 — Holy Ground Profaned

**“For a little while Your holy people possessed it, but now our enemies have trampled down Your sanctuary.”**

The loss is not merely:

Political.

It is:

Spiritual.

The sanctuary has been:

Trampled.

## Cross References

### Psalm 74:7

Enemies burn and profane the sanctuary, treating the place associated with God's name with contempt.

### Lamentations 1:10

Foreign enemies enter Jerusalem's sacred places, bringing humiliation and devastation.

**Daniel 8:13**

Daniel hears of a period in which the sanctuary and God's people are subjected to trampling.

## Spiritual Principle

Sin and judgment can bring devastating consequences upon:

What once appeared secure.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Sacred history does not guarantee sacred faithfulness in the present.**

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# LXXXVI. YOUR HOLY PEOPLE

The people were called:

Holy.

Set apart.

Yet holiness of calling did not make rebellion:

Harmless.

## Spiritual Principle

Privilege increases:

Responsibility.

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# LXXXVII. THEY POSSESSED IT FOR A LITTLE WHILE

Earthly possession can be:

Temporary.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**What God gives should never be treated casually simply because we have possessed it for a long time.**

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# LXXXVIII. ENEMIES HAVE TRAMPLED IT

The sanctuary's condition reveals:

The seriousness of judgment.

## Spiritual Principle

When God's people abandon covenant faithfulness, consequences can become:

Public.

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# LXXXIX. WE ARE YOURS

## Isaiah 63:19 — A People Crying for Their God

**“We are Yours from of old, but You have not ruled over them; they have not been called by Your name.”**

Israel distinguishes between:

God's covenant people.

And:

The nations who do not bear His name.

The plea is essentially:

We belong to You.

Act for Your people.

Act for Your name.

## Cross References

### Deuteronomy 28:10

The nations would recognize that Israel was called by the name of the Lord.

### Amos 9:12

God speaks of peoples and nations being connected with His name and sovereign purposes.

### 2 Chronicles 7:14

God identifies a people called by His name and calls them to humility, prayer, repentance, and renewed seeking of Him.

## Spiritual Principle

Belonging to God's name should produce:

Humility.

Repentance.

Prayer.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**To say, “We are Yours,” is not merely to claim privilege; it is to confess ownership.**

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# XC. CALLED BY HIS NAME

God's name represents:

Ownership.

Identity.

Witness.

## Spiritual Principle

Those who bear God's name should:

Reflect His character.

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# XCI. ISAIAH 63 AS A JUDGMENT CHAPTER

Winepress.

Anger.

Fury.

Vengeance.

Nations.

Justice.

## Key Truth

God's patience should never be interpreted as:

Approval of evil.

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# XCII. ISAIAH 63 AS A SALVATION CHAPTER

“Mighty to save.”

“My redeemed.”

“My own arm brought salvation.”

“The Angel of His Presence saved them.”

“He redeemed them.”

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The chapter covered in the language of judgment is also filled with the vocabulary of salvation.**

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# XCIII. ISAIAH 63 AS A COMPASSION CHAPTER

Steadfast love.

Goodness.

Compassion.

Love.

Suffering with His people.

Carrying them.

## Spiritual Principle

Divine strength and divine tenderness are not:

Opposites.

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# XCIV. ISAIAH 63 AS A HOLY SPIRIT CHAPTER

The Holy Spirit:

Was among them.

Was grieved by them.

Gave them rest.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Isaiah 63 shows the Holy Spirit in relationship with God's people: present among them, grieved by their rebellion, and giving rest through divine guidance.**

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# XCV. ISAIAH 63 AS AN EXODUS CHAPTER

Moses.

Sea.

Waters.

Depths.

Flock.

Divine arm.

Leadership.

Rest.

## Spiritual Principle

The Exodus remains a testimony of:

God's saving power.

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# XCVI. ISAIAH 63 AS A MEMORY CHAPTER

“I will recount.”

“They remembered.”

Memory becomes:

Praise.

Faith.

Prayer.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Healthy spiritual memory does not imprison us in yesterday; it strengthens us to seek God today.**

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# XCVII. ISAIAH 63 AS A PRAYER CHAPTER

“Look down.”

“See.”

“Where are Your zeal and might?”

“You are our Father.”

“Return.”

## Spiritual Principle

Prayer can include:

Questions.

Confession.

Memory.

Appeal.

Longing.

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# XCVIII. ISAIAH 63 AS A FATHERHOOD CHAPTER

“You are our Father.”

“Our Redeemer.”

This is covenant language of:

Belonging.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**When circumstances make God's activity difficult to understand, His people may still anchor prayer in who He is.**

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# XCIX. WHAT ISAIAH 63 TEACHES ABOUT CHRIST

The opening warrior imagery strongly anticipates the New Testament picture of:

Christ returning in righteousness.

Christ judging evil.

Christ conquering opposition.

Christ bringing final justice.

Revelation 19 draws upon similar imagery.

## Spiritual Principle

The Christ who first came in humility will also be revealed in:

Righteous authority.

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# C. WHAT ISAIAH 63 TEACHES ABOUT JUDGMENT

Judgment is:

Righteous.

Deliberate.

Certain.

Sovereign.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The holiness that makes God worthy of worship is the same holiness that makes evil accountable.**

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# CI. WHAT ISAIAH 63 TEACHES ABOUT SALVATION

God is:

Mighty to save.

His own arm saves.

His Presence saves.

His love redeems.

## Spiritual Principle

Salvation originates in:

God.

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# CII. WHAT ISAIAH 63 TEACHES ABOUT MERCY

Mercy is remembered through:

History.

Deliverance.

Compassion.

Carrying.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**When you cannot immediately understand what God is doing, remember what His mercy has already revealed about who He is.**

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# CIII. WHAT ISAIAH 63 TEACHES ABOUT REBELLION

Rebellion:

Grieves the Spirit.

Breaks fellowship.

Invites discipline.

Hardens the heart.

## Spiritual Principle

Sin affects:

Relationship.

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# CIV. WHAT ISAIAH 63 TEACHES ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Spirit is:

Holy.

Personal.

Present.

Grieved.

Rest-giving.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The Spirit we ask to guide us is the Spirit we must refuse to grieve.**

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# CV. WHAT ISAIAH 63 TEACHES ABOUT MEMORY

Remember:

Deliverance.

Mercy.

The sea.

The Shepherd.

The Spirit.

The mighty arm.

## Spiritual Principle

Faith looks backward in order to:

Look forward.

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# CVI. WHAT ISAIAH 63 TEACHES ABOUT PRAYER

Prayer appeals to:

God's throne.

God's compassion.

God's fatherhood.

God's covenant.

God's inheritance.

God's name.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Strong prayer knows both what it needs and who God has revealed Himself to be.**

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# CVII. WHAT ISAIAH 63 TEACHES ABOUT GOD'S FATHERHOOD

The people say:

“You are our Father.”

Not because circumstances are:

Easy.

But in the midst of:

Desolation.

## Spiritual Principle

God's fatherhood becomes especially precious when:

Earthly security fails.

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# CVIII. WHAT ISAIAH 63 TEACHES ABOUT REDEMPTION

God:

Saves.

Redeems.

Carries.

Claims.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Redemption is more than rescue from danger; it is being brought into belonging.**

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# CIX. WHAT ISAIAH 63 TEACHES ABOUT GOD'S ARM

His arm:

Saves.

Divides waters.

Supports His servant.

Demonstrates strength.

## Spiritual Principle

God possesses:

Sufficient power.

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# CX. WHAT ISAIAH 63 TEACHES ABOUT GOD'S NAME

He acts to make:

An everlasting name.

A glorious name.

His people are:

Called by His name.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The deepest purpose of divine deliverance is not that people admire the delivered but that they glorify the Deliverer.**

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# CXI. THE DIVINE WARRIOR

Strength.

Justice.

Authority.

Victory.

## Spiritual Principle

God is not powerless before:

Evil.

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# CXII. THE COMPASSIONATE REDEEMER

Love.

Compassion.

Carrying.

Saving.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The hands strong enough for judgment are also strong enough to carry the redeemed.**

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# CXIII. THE GRIEVED SPIRIT

Israel's rebellion affected:

Relationship with God.

## Spiritual Principle

Obedience matters.

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# CXIV. THE REMEMBERED EXODUS

The people ask:

Where is the God who brought us through the sea?

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**A remembered Red Sea can strengthen faith when today's road appears closed.**

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# CXV. THE FATHER WHO REMAINS

Abraham may not know.

Israel may not acknowledge.

But:

“You are our Father.”

## Spiritual Principle

God's identity is more secure than:

Human recognition.

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# CXVI. THE PRAYER “RETURN”

The cry is not primarily:

Give us comfort.

Give us prosperity.

Give us power.

It is:

Return.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The deepest revival prayer is not, “Give us something,” but, “Return to us in manifest mercy and power.”**

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# CXVII. TEN GREAT CONTRASTS IN ISAIAH 63

1. **Judgment → Redemption**
2. **Winepress → Salvation**
3. **Wrath → Compassion**
4. **Nations Trampled → God's People Carried**
5. **Rebellion → Remembered Mercy**
6. **Grieving the Spirit → Rest from the Spirit**
7. **Present Distress → Past Deliverance**
8. **Human Helplessness → God's Mighty Arm**
9. **Abandoned Sanctuary → Everlasting Redeemer**
10. **Questioning God's Activity → Confessing God as Father**

## Key Truth

Isaiah 63 places judgment and mercy beside each other so that we understand:

The God who hates evil is the same God who loves, redeems, carries, guides, and hears His people.

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# CXVIII. TWELVE GREAT LESSONS FROM ISAIAH 63

## 1. Christ Is Mighty to Save

### Principle:

No sinner is beyond the saving power of the Lord.

## 2. God Will Judge Evil

### Principle:

Divine patience does not cancel divine justice.

## 3. Salvation Belongs to God

### Principle:

His own arm brings salvation.

## 4. Remember God's Steadfast Love

### Principle:

Memory strengthens faith.

## 5. God Is Compassionate Toward His People

### Principle:

Their suffering matters to Him.

## 6. God Carries His People

### Principle:

Some journeys are survived because God bears us through them.

## 7. The Holy Spirit Can Be Grieved

### Principle:

Our conduct affects our fellowship with God.

## 8. Remember Past Deliverance

### Principle:

Yesterday's Red Sea can strengthen today's faith.

## 9. The Spirit Gives Rest

### Principle:

God's leading does not end in endless wandering.

## 10. God Is Our Father

### Principle:

Our relationship with Him is deeper than human ancestry.

## 11. Pray for God's Return

### Principle:

The greatest need of God's people is God's presence.

## 12. We Bear God's Name

### Principle:

Those who belong to Him should live for His glory.

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# CXIX. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR PERSONAL STUDY

## Question 1

From where does the Warrior come?

**Edom, specifically Bozrah.**

## Question 2

What is unusual about His garments?

**They are crimson-stained.**

## Question 3

How is the Warrior described?

**Glorious in His apparel and marching in the greatness of His strength.**

## Question 4

How does He identify Himself?

**As the One who speaks in righteousness and is mighty to save.**

## Question 5

Why are His garments red?

**Because He has trodden the winepress of judgment.**

## Question 6

Who helped Him tread the winepress?

**No one. He accomplished the judgment alone.**

## Question 7

What was in His heart?

**The day of vengeance.**

## Question 8

What time had also arrived?

**The year of His redeemed.**

## Question 9

Who brought salvation when no one else could help?

**God's own arm.**

## Question 10

What does Isaiah begin recounting in verse 7?

**The steadfast love and goodness of the Lord.**

## Question 11

Toward whom had God shown great goodness?

**The house of Israel.**

## Question 12

What did God call Israel?

**His people and His children.**

## Question 13

What did God become to them?

**Their Savior.**

## Question 14

How did God respond to their suffering?

**He identified with their affliction and acted to save them.**

## Question 15

What saved them?

**The Angel of His Presence.**

## Question 16

Why did God redeem them?

**Because of His love and compassion.**

## Question 17

What did God do after redeeming them?

**He lifted them up and carried them.**

## Question 18

How did Israel respond to God's goodness?

**They rebelled.**

## Question 19

Whom did their rebellion grieve?

**The Holy Spirit.**

## Question 20

What happened as a result?

**God disciplined them and fought against their rebellion.**

## Question 21

Whose days did the people remember?

**The days of Moses.**

## Question 22

What great event did they remember?

**God bringing Israel through the sea.**

## Question 23

What did God place among His people?

**His Holy Spirit.**

## Question 24

What divided the waters?

**God's glorious arm working in His power.**

## Question 25

Why did God perform these acts?

**To make for Himself an everlasting and glorious name.**

## Question 26

How did Israel travel through the depths?

**Without stumbling under God's guidance.**

## Question 27

Who gave the people rest?

**The Spirit of the Lord.**

## Question 28

What prayer begins in verse 15?

**“Look down from heaven and see.”**

## Question 29

What attributes do the people ask God to display again?

**His zeal, might, tenderness, and compassion.**

## Question 30

What great confession appears in verse 16?

**“You are our Father.”**

## Question 31

What other title is given to God?

**Our Redeemer from everlasting.**

## Question 32

What spiritual condition troubles the people in verse 17?

**Straying from God's ways and hardness of heart.**

## Question 33

What do they ask God to do?

**Return for the sake of His servants and inheritance.**

## Question 34

What happened to the sanctuary?

**Enemies trampled it.**

## Question 35

What relationship do the people claim with God?

**“We are Yours.”**

## Question 36

What is the central message of Isaiah 63?

**God is the righteous Warrior who judges evil, the mighty Savior who redeems, the compassionate Lord who carries His people, the Holy One whose Spirit can be grieved, and the everlasting Father to whom His people may return in prayer.**

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# CXX. PERSONAL APPLICATION

Isaiah 63 asks several searching questions.

Do I understand that God is:

Mighty to save?

Have I reduced Jesus only to:

Gentleness?

While forgetting His:

Righteous authority?

Do I take:

Sin seriously?

Do I remember that God's patience does not mean:

Judgment will never come?

Am I trusting:

Human strength?

Or:

God's arm?

When circumstances become difficult, do I:

Recount the steadfast love of the Lord?

Can I name specific times when God has:

Helped me?

Protected me?

Carried me?

Answered me?

Provided for me?

Do I remember His goodness?

Or do I remember only:

My problems?

Do I understand that God:

Cares about suffering?

Do I believe He is:

Present in affliction?

Have I forgotten the seasons when He:

Carried me?

Am I grieving:

The Holy Spirit?

Is there an area of:

Rebellion?

Resistance?

Disobedience?

Bitterness?

Pride?

Unforgiveness?

That I need to surrender?

Am I asking:

“Where is God?”

Without remembering:

What God has already done?

What is my:

Red Sea testimony?

Where did God make a way when there seemed to be:

No way?

Where did His arm demonstrate:

Power?

Where did His Spirit give:

Rest?

Do I understand that God's blessings should make:

His name glorious?

Or am I trying to make:

My own name great?

Can I pray:

“Look down from heaven and see”?

Am I longing for:

God's presence?

Do I truly know Him as:

Father?

Am I relying upon:

Family heritage?

Church heritage?

Religious background?

Someone else's faith?

Or can I personally say:

**“You are our Father.”**

Do I know God as:

Redeemer?

Has my heart become:

Hard?

Have I wandered from:

His ways?

Do I need to pray:

**“Return”?**

Is there an area of my life where something sacred has been:

Trampled?

Do I need:

Restoration?

Do I remember that I am:

His?

If I say:

“We are Yours,”

does my life show:

His ownership?

Do I bear:

His name?

And does my conduct bring:

Honor to that name?

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# CXXI. A CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

## “The One Who Treads the Winepress Is Also Mighty to Save”

Judgment.

Salvation.

Justice.

Redemption.

All appear in:

The same passage.

### Principle:

**Never divide God's character into a loving God who never judges or a judging God who never saves. The God of Scripture is perfectly righteous in both justice and mercy.**

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# CXXII. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

## “When No One Else Can Help, God's Arm Is Still Strong”

No helper.

No supporter.

No human solution.

Yet:

“My own arm brought salvation.”

### Principle:

**Human helplessness is not divine helplessness.**

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# CXXIII. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

## “Recount the Mercies Before You Count the Troubles”

Isaiah says:

“I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord.”

He deliberately remembers:

Goodness.

Compassion.

Love.

Redemption.

### Principle:

**Faith remembers mercy without pretending trouble does not exist.**

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# CXXIV. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

## “The God Who Redeems Also Carries”

He saved them.

He redeemed them.

Then:

He carried them.

### Principle:

**God does not rescue His people at the beginning of the journey and abandon them halfway through it.**

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# CXXV. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

## “Do Not Grieve the Spirit Whose Rest You Need”

Verse 10:

They grieved:

His Holy Spirit.

Verse 14:

The Spirit gave:

Rest.

### Principle:

**We should never knowingly resist the very Spirit whose guidance and rest we desperately need.**

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# CXXVI. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

## “Remember Your Red Sea”

Israel remembered:

Moses.

The sea.

The divided waters.

The mighty arm.

### Principle:

**When the present looks impossible, remember a place where God has already demonstrated that impossible barriers obey Him.**

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# CXXVII. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

## “An Unfamiliar Road Is Safe When God Leads It”

Through:

The depths.

Without:

Stumbling.

### Principle:

**Safety is not found merely in familiar territory; it is found in following the Lord.**

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# CXXVIII. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

## “The Miracle Should Make God's Name Glorious”

God divided:

The sea.

Why?

To make:

An everlasting name.

He led:

His people.

Why?

To make:

A glorious name.

### Principle:

**The proper destination of every testimony is the glory of God.**

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# CXXIX. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

## “When You Cannot Understand His Hand, Appeal to His Fatherhood”

They could not understand:

Their condition.

They questioned:

His apparent distance.

Yet they said:

**“You are our Father.”**

### Principle:

**Confusion about circumstances does not require confusion about God's revealed character.**

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# CXXX. ANOTHER CRAWFORD BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE

## “The Greatest Revival Prayer May Be One Word: Return”

Return.

Not merely:

Bless.

Prosper.

Increase.

Protect.

But:

Return.

**Principle:**

**The greatest need of God's people is not more things from God but a renewed experience of the presence and rule of God.**

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# CXXXI. THE WINEPRESS

Judgment.

## Spiritual Principle

God takes:

Evil seriously.

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# CXXXII. THE CRIMSON GARMENTS

Evidence of:

Judgment.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Divine justice is not empty language; Scripture presents a day when righteousness is publicly executed.**

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# CXXXIII. THE DAY OF VENGEANCE

Accountability.

## Spiritual Principle

History moves toward:

Divine judgment.

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# CXXXIV. THE YEAR OF THE REDEEMED

Deliverance.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**God knows not only the day of judgment but also the appointed season of redemption.**

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# CXXXV. HIS OWN ARM

Power.

## Spiritual Principle

God is:

Sufficient.

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# CXXXVI. STEADFAST LOVE

Faithfulness.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Circumstances change; covenant love remains rooted in God's character.**

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# CXXXVII. GREAT GOODNESS

Generosity.

## Spiritual Principle

God's goodness deserves:

Remembrance.

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# CXXXVIII. HE BECAME THEIR SAVIOR

Deliverance.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Israel's testimony begins not with what Israel achieved but with what God became for them: Savior.**

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# CXXXIX. HE SUFFERED WITH THEM

Compassion.

## Spiritual Principle

God sees:

Affliction.

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# CXL. HE REDEEMED THEM

Rescue.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**Grace does not merely sympathize with captivity; grace acts to redeem.**

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# CXLI. HE LIFTED THEM

Support.

## Spiritual Principle

God helps:

The weak.

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# CXLII. HE CARRIED THEM

Sustaining grace.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**There are seasons when faith looks less like running strongly and more like admitting that God is carrying us.**

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# CXLIII. THEY REBELLED

Human failure.

## Spiritual Principle

Grace can be:

Resisted.

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# CXLIV. THEY GRIEVED THE HOLY SPIRIT

Relationship.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The sensitivity of the Holy Spirit should make believers sensitive to sin.**

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# CXLV. THEY REMEMBERED

Hope through memory.

## Spiritual Principle

Remembering God's work can awaken:

Prayer.

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# CXLVI. THE SEA

Impossible obstacle.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**What traps God's people can become the very place where His power is displayed.**

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# CXLVII. THE GLORIOUS ARM

Divine strength.

## Spiritual Principle

God acts:

Powerfully.

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# CXLVIII. THE WATERS DIVIDED

A path appears.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**God does not need an existing road in order to lead His people forward.**

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# CXLIX. THEY DID NOT STUMBLE

Preservation.

## Spiritual Principle

God is able to:

Keep.

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# CL. THE SPIRIT GAVE REST

Peace.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The Holy Spirit is not only the Spirit of power; He is also the giver of holy rest.**

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# CLI. “LOOK DOWN”

Prayer.

## Spiritual Principle

Need should move us:

Toward God.

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# CLII. “YOU ARE OUR FATHER”

Identity.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**When everything else feels uncertain, begin with the relationship God has revealed.**

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# CLIII. “OUR REDEEMER”

Hope.

## Spiritual Principle

God's people belong to:

The Redeemer.

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# CLIV. “RETURN”

Revival.

## Crawford Bible Study Principle

**A people who recognize spiritual distance should not become comfortable with it; they should cry for God to return in mercy.**

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# CLV. “WE ARE YOURS”

Ownership.

## Spiritual Principle

Belonging requires:

Surrender.

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# CLVI. ISAIAH 63 AS A WHOLE

The chapter moves:

From:

A Warrior coming from Edom.

To:

A people crying to their Father.

From:

Crimson garments.

To:

Steadfast love.

From:

The winepress.

To:

The Red Sea.

From:

Judgment.

To:

Compassion.

From:

Vengeance.

To:

Redemption.

From:

God acting alone.

To:

God carrying His people.

From:

Rebellion.

To:

Remembrance.

From:

Grieving the Spirit.

To:

The Spirit giving rest.

From:

Remembering Moses.

To:

Praying for God to return.

From:

A trampled sanctuary.

To:

Confessing:

**“We are Yours.”**

# Key Truth

**Isaiah 63 reveals that the Lord is perfectly righteous in judgment, mighty in salvation, abundant in compassion, present with His suffering people, grieved by rebellion, powerful in deliverance, faithful through history, and worthy to be trusted as Father and Redeemer.**

# CLVII. TEN GREAT MOVEMENTS IN ISAIAH 63

## 1. The Divine Warrior Appears

He comes from Edom in glory and strength.

## 2. He Declares Himself Mighty to Save

His justice does not erase His saving power.

## 3. The Winepress Is Treaded

God executes righteous judgment upon rebellion.

## 4. His Own Arm Brings Salvation

No human helper is required.

## 5. God's Steadfast Love Is Remembered

The focus shifts from wrath to compassion.

## 6. God Saves, Redeems, Lifts, and Carries

His relationship with His people is deeply compassionate.

## 7. Israel Grieves the Holy Spirit

Rebellion disrupts fellowship and brings discipline.

## 8. Israel Remembers the Exodus

Moses, the sea, God's arm, and the Spirit become evidence of past faithfulness.

## 9. Israel Cries to Its Father

The people appeal to God's tenderness, power, and covenant relationship.

## 10. Israel Pleads for God to Return

The chapter ends not with self-confidence but with dependence upon divine mercy.

## Key Truth

**Isaiah 63 begins with the victorious Warrior and moves toward the compassionate Father, showing that the God who judges evil is also the God who redeems, carries, leads, disciplines, remembers, and restores His people.**

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# CLVIII. FINAL APPLICATION

Isaiah 63 begins with a question:

**“Who is this?”**

Someone is coming.

His garments are:

Crimson.

His appearance is:

Glorious.

His stride is:

Powerful.

And He answers:

**“It is I.”**

He speaks:

In righteousness.

He is:

**Mighty to save.**

Never forget that.

The chapter contains some of Scripture's strongest language concerning:

Judgment.

But its opening declaration is also:

Salvation.

The One coming from judgment is:

Mighty to save.

Maybe you look at:

Your past.

Your failures.

Your sins.

Your circumstances.

And wonder:

Can God really save?

Isaiah says:

Mighty.

Not:

Barely able.

Not:

Possibly able.

Not:

Able only if someone else helps Him.

**Mighty to save.**

Then the Warrior says:

**“I have trodden the winepress alone.”**

No one assisted Him.

Then:

**“My own arm brought salvation.”**

There are moments when human help reaches:

Its limit.

Doctors may reach:

Their limit.

Friends may reach:

Their limit.

Money may reach:

Its limit.

Influence may reach:

Its limit.

Human wisdom may reach:

Its limit.

But God's arm does not become:

Short.

Weak.

Exhausted.

When no one could help:

His arm brought salvation.

Then suddenly Isaiah says:

**“I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord.”**

That may be exactly what someone needs to do.

Stop for a moment.

Recount.

Remember.

Name the mercies.

When did God:

Protect you?

When did He:

Provide?

When did He:

Answer prayer?

When did He:

Open a door?

When did He:

Carry you?

When did He:

Give strength?

When did He:

Forgive?

When did He:

Restore?

When did He:

Comfort?

Do not let one difficult season erase:

A lifetime of mercy.

Isaiah remembers that God:

Saved them.

Redeemed them.

Lifted them.

Carried them.

What a picture.

Sometimes we speak only of:

Walking with God.

But there were moments when Israel was:

Carried by God.

Perhaps there have been seasons when you wondered:

How did I survive that?

How did I keep going?

How did I endure that loss?

How did I survive that disappointment?

How did I get through that valley?

Maybe the answer is:

God carried you.

But then comes the warning:

**“They rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit.”**

What tragedy.

The people who had been:

Saved.

Lifted.

Carried.

Turned around and:

Grieved the Spirit.

We must ask:

Am I grieving the Holy Spirit?

Is there something God has repeatedly told me to:

Surrender?

Forgive?

Stop?

Begin?

Confess?

Change?

Obey?

Do not grieve the Spirit:

Who gives rest.

Then the people remember:

Moses.

The sea.

The mighty arm.

The divided waters.

And they ask:

**“Where is the One?”**

Perhaps you have asked:

Where is God now?

I know what He did:

Years ago.

I know what He did:

For someone else.

I know what He did:

In Scripture.

But:

Where is He now?

Isaiah's answer begins with:

Remember.

Remember:

Your Red Sea.

Remember:

Your wilderness.

Remember:

The waters that opened.

Remember:

The door that appeared.

Remember:

The prayer that was answered.

Remember:

The strength that arrived.

Remember:

The Spirit who gave rest.

Your current difficulty has not erased:

God's past faithfulness.

And His past faithfulness teaches you something about:

His character.

Then comes the prayer:

**“Look down from heaven and see.”**

This is not polished:

Religious language.

It is:

A cry.

God:

Look.

See.

Remember us.

Where is:

Your zeal?

Where is:

Your might?

Where is:

Your compassion?

And then faith rises with one great confession:

**“You are our Father.”**

Abraham may not know us.

Israel may not recognize us.

But:

**You are our Father.**

Human support may disappear.

People may misunderstand.

Relationships may fail.

Generations may pass.

But the believer's deepest identity rests in:

God.

Then:

**“Our Redeemer from everlasting is Your name.”**

Father.

Redeemer.

That is who He is.

Finally the prayer becomes:

**“Return.”**

What a prayer for:

An individual.

A family.

A church.

A community.

A nation.

A ministry.

Return.

Lord:

Return our hearts to You.

Restore reverence.

Restore holiness.

Restore obedience.

Restore prayer.

Restore hunger for Scripture.

Restore compassion.

Restore worship.

Restore sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.

Restore the fear of the Lord.

The sanctuary had been:

Trampled.

The people had:

Failed.

The heart had become:

Hard.

But they could still pray:

Return.

And they could still say:

**“We are Yours.”**

That may be the final question of Isaiah 63:

Can you say:

**“I am Yours”?**

Not merely:

I believe You exist.

Not merely:

I attend church.

Not merely:

My family has always been Christian.

Not merely:

I know Bible verses.

But:

**I am Yours.**

My life:

Yours.

My plans:

Yours.

My future:

Yours.

My body:

Yours.

My possessions:

Yours.

My ministry:

Yours.

My heart:

Yours.

Isaiah 63 begins with:

**“Who is this?”**

And by the end of the chapter we know.

He is:

The righteous Warrior.

The mighty Savior.

The compassionate Redeemer.

The God who suffers with His people.

The God who carries them.

The God whose Spirit dwells among them.

The God whose Spirit can be grieved.

The God who divides seas.

The God who leads through depths.

The God who gives rest.

The God who sits upon the throne of holiness and glory.

The God whose people cry:

**“You are our Father.”**

And the God whose everlasting name is:

**Our Redeemer.**

# Final Crawford Bible Study Principle

**The God who is mighty enough to tread the winepress is tender enough to carry His people, powerful enough to divide the sea, holy enough to be grieved by rebellion, merciful enough to hear the cry “Return,” and faithful enough to remain our everlasting Redeemer.**