Isaiah 63-65

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INTRODUCTION

- Isaiah 62, 2 prophesies that when the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, God's people would be called by a new name.
- So a new name because of a new relationship.
- Because the church is the bride of Christ, married to God. It fits the description here.

1 Who Is This That Comes From Edom?

Obadiah 1:10–15

- Who is this that comes from Edom with dyed garments from Basra? The one who is glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength.
- Those that made themselves the enemy of God's people made themselves the enemy of God.
- I believe he's using Edom as symbolic for all of the enemies of Jacob.
- Esau's part of Isaac's family. And judgment begins at home.

2 In Their Affliction He Was Afflicted

- So he became their savior. In their affliction, he was afflicted.
- I suspect that sometimes we feel like we're afflicted and God doesn't know. Or he doesn't care.
- The important point though is not actually who it is, but the fact that it was God's presence for his people in a personal way.
- But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he turned himself against them as an enemy and he fought against them.

3 To Make Himself a Glorious Name

1 Samuel 12:22; Psalm 106:8; Isaiah 48:9–11

- Where is this great God that led us out of Egypt? Where is this great God who put his Holy Spirit in us?
- God's focus is not just on his people. God's focus is on the world. And as he deals with his people, he does so in such a way as to reveal himself.
- It's on his namesake so that people will know him and come to him.
- It's never on the basis of, Lord, I am worth your attention. Save me. Never. It's Lord for your name's sake.

4 Why Have You Made Us Stray?

Isaiah 59:15–17; Isaiah 57:11

- O Lord, why have you made us stray from your ways and hardened our heart from your fear?
- This is the kind of question that people might ask who are not truly seeking God.

- Remember, this is the question. This is the charge. This is not the answer.
- Their lack of fear was because God had not punished them. He had held his peace.

5 We Are the Clay, You Are the Potter

James 1:13–15

- Oh, that you would rend the heavens, that you would come down that the mountains might shake at your presence.
- So we know this charge is false, and yet from Isaiah 57, we see kind of a context for why the people might think that.
- We cannot save ourselves any more than the clay can make itself into a bowl.
- We are responsible for our actions, but we cannot achieve your purpose without you, O God.

6 God's Answer: You Forsook Me

Deuteronomy 32:21

- I don't think you can get a plainer statement of no, I didn't cause you to stray.
- Notice the distinction. Not for all the people, but for those who have sought me.
- You forsake me. I didn't forsake you. You forsook me.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Not just because you're named Israel, not just because you were born a Jew, will you be blessed? You will be blessed when you seek me.**

MY NOTES