

Isaiah 64:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

'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.' God meets those who work righteousness joyfully and remember His ways. Yet here is confession: 'thou art wroth; for we have sinned.' Despite sin, 'we shall be saved' - grace exceeds judgment.

Historical Context

This balances divine expectation of righteousness with confession of failure. The pattern of sin-confession-hope recurs throughout Scripture.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does God 'meet' those who rejoice in righteousness?

2. What does continuance in God's ways despite sin mean for salvation?

Interlinear Text

בָּרוּךְ יְהֹוָה	אַתָּה	פָּגַע עָתָה	שְׁשָׁה	וְעַל שְׁהָה	אַל־לְךָ	בְּדָבָר יְהֹוָה
Thou meetest	H853	him that rejoiceth	H7797	and worketh	H6213	righteousness
	H6293				H6664	thee in thy ways
	H1870					
תִּזְמְנָה אַתָּה בְּנֵי זְמָנָה וְעַל־לְךָ	אַתָּה הַבָּן	זְמָנָה	בְּנֵי	זְמָנָה	אַתָּה בְּנֵי	תִּזְמְנָה
those that remember	H2005		H859	behold thou art wroth	H7107	for we have sinned
	H2142					H2398
וְעַל־לְךָ בְּנֵי זְמָנָה	וְעַל־לְךָ בְּנֵי זְמָנָה					
	H0	in those is continuance	H5769	and we shall be saved	H3467	

Additional Cross-References

Acts 10:35 (Righteousness): But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

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