

Isaiah 64:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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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

פָּגַעְתָּ	אֶת־	שֶׁשׁ	וְעַל־שֵׁה	צַדִּיק	בְּדַרְכֵי יְיָ
Thou meetest	H853	him that rejoiceth	and worketh	righteousness	thee in thy ways
H6293		H7797	H6213	H6664	H1870
יִזְכְּרוּ וְ	הֵן	אַתָּה הֵ	קָצַפְתָּ	וְנִחַטְנוּ אֵ	
those that remember	H2005	H859	behold thou art wroth	for we have sinned	
H2142			H7107	H2398	
בָּהֶם	עוֹלָם	וְנִשְׁעָ:			
H0	in those is continuance	and we shall be saved			
	H5769	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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