

PULPIT MINISTRY JUNE 2009

Theme: "Abba, Father"

MORNING WORSHIP

7 June 2009

Title: "But now, O LORD, You are our Father"

Text: Isaiah 64

(I) PRESENCE OF GOD

1. God's Presence is greatly missed (Isaiah 64:1-3)

2. God's Presence remembered

- a) Mountains shook (**Isaiah 64:1**)
- b) Nations trembled (**Isaiah 64:2**)
- c) Awesome things were done (**Isaiah 64:3-4**)

(II) PERVERSE PROBLEM OF SIN

1. Personal righteousness compared to filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6)

2. Chronic neglect of seeking after God (Isaiah 64:7)

3. Angering of God because of sinful ways (Isaiah 64:5)

4. Absence of God because of consuming sin (Isaiah 64:7c)

(III) PLEADING THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD

1. On account of a Creator-Creature relationship

- a) Basic but essential
- b) Yielding as Clay in a Potter's Hand

2. On account of a Covenantal relationship

"...we all are Your people!" **Isaiah 64:9c**

- a) God's Covenant to Abraham (**Genesis 12, 15**)
- b) God's word to Moses (**Exodus 33-34**)

(IV) PLEADING PRESENT DISTRESS

1. The anger of God because of sin (Isaiah 64:5c, 9a)

2. Pleading forgiveness (Isaiah 64:9b)

3. Pleading mercy in times of distress

a) The holy cities are a wilderness

"...Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation." **Isaiah 64:10**

b) The holy temple destroyed (prophetic)

"Our holy and beautiful temple... is burned up with fire..." **Isaiah 64:11**

(V) PRAYING TO GOD THE FATHER

1. Comfort

2. Confidence