

Isaiah 2

the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy strength? Doubtless thou art our Father though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not." Even though no longer do they seem to have the blessings of Abraham or of Israel, God is their Father. God called Abraham. God called Israel. These are the people of Israel. God is their father. Surely they have a right to call upon Him for His blessing. And then, in V. 17 you note a little fatalistic attitude. "O Lord, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways?" Don't blame us. If you are the potter and we are the clay and you have made us so we can't help ourselves and we've wandered astray, why don't you bring us back again? Why don't you bring us back? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of your inheritance. God, it's your people, asking you for help. Turn and bring us back. We are yours. The people of your holiness have possessed the land but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. We are thine; thou never barest rule over them: they were not called by thy name. " The people are calling upon the Lord to turn His blessing again to them. These people are saying: "God, you've blessed us wonderfully in the past. You've given wonderful blessings to this people in the past and you have taken them as an everlasting people. They are your people. Come back to them and give them your blessing. These other people are treading down the sanctuary. They're not your people. We are your people. Why should they have your land and your sanctuary? Take it away from them. Give it to us. We are yours. You never ruled them. They weren't called by your name. We are the ones called by your name." And so he goes on, in Chapter 64, 20h, that you would rend the heavens, the mountains would flow down at your presence. As when the melting fire burns." The wonderful cloud of God in the past. Why can't it come again? Verse 4, the wonderful power of God. No one has ever seen a God like this one. This God who meets him that rejoices and works righteousness. They say,, "You are wroth because we have sinned, but may there be continuance in your wonderful