

Treasure Hunt

- What do we have to do in order for God to work for us?
- What two things result when God meets us?
- What NT verses explain the relation between God's grace and our works in the same way as Isa 64:4-5a?
- How is Paul using Isa 64:4 in 1 Cor 2:9?

Chiastic Confession, 63:15-64:12

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| <p>God's Habitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Why don't you deliver us? | 63:15, <i>Heavenly Habitation</i> | 64:10-12, <i>Earthly House</i> |
| <p>God's People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •God our Father •His creative power •Imperative request •Titles of relationship | 63:16-19 | 64:8-9 |
| <p>God's Wrath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •His presence/face •Judgment as melting/shaking | 64:1-3 Wrath against the <i>nations</i> | 64:5b-7 Wrath against his <i>people</i> |
| <p>God's Expectation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Wait for him •Rejoice •Work Righteousness •Remember him | 64:4-5a | |

Alternative Translations of 64:4

AV Margin, Geneva, Bishops (!)

For since the beginning of the world
men have not heard, nor perceived
by the ear, neither hath the eye
seen,

a God beside **thee**,

which doeth so

for him that waiteth for him.

Thou meetest him ...

- “he” = “which” describes God
- Perception is of God himself

AV Text

For since the beginning of the world
men have not heard, nor perceived
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O God, beside **thee**,

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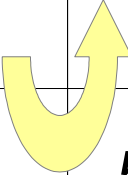
- “God” and “he” are different
- Perception is of God’s work

Alternative Translations of 64:4-5

| KJV Margin, Geneva, Bishops (!) | KJV main text | 1 Cor 2:9 |
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| | For since the beginning of the world <i>men</i> have not heard, | |
| | nor perceived by the ear , neither hath the eye seen, | Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, |
| | | neither have entered into the heart of man, |
| a God beside thee, which doeth so | O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared | the things which God hath prepared |
| for him that waiteth for him. | | for them that love him. |

The Chiasm of Isa 64:4-5a

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| Human awareness | 4 For since the beginning of the world <i>men</i> have not heard , nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen , a God beside thee, | They shall remember thee in thy ways. |
| God's Ways with Men | which doeth so for him that waiteth for him. | 5 Thou hast met him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness. |



Him that Waiteth for Him

Moses: Exo 14:13 Fear ye not, **stand still**, and see the salvation of the LORD

Jehoshaphat: 2Ch 20:17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, **stand ye still**, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem:

The Lord to Ahaz: Isa 30:15 For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; **In returning and rest** shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

David: Psa 40:1 **I waited patiently** for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

Isaiah: Isa 40:31 But **they that wait upon the LORD** shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

The Place of Works in Salvation

| | Isa 64 | Eph 2 | Titus 3 |
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| Not the root ... | 4b which doeth so for him that waiteth for him. | 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: <i>it is</i> the gift of God: 9 Not of works , lest any man should boast. | 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. |
| ... but the fruit | 5 Thou hast met him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness . | 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works , which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. | 8 <i>This is</i> a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works . These things are good and profitable unto men. |

Results of Meeting God

Rejoicing

Psa 32:3-4 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. 4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer.

Psa 51:8 Make me to hear **joy and gladness**; *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice.

Isa 35:10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain **joy and gladness**, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Working Righteousness

Gen 17:1 the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and **be thou perfect**.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and **ye shall keep my judgments**, and do *them*.

The Sources of 1 Cor 2:9

| KJV Margin | 1 Cor 2:9 | Other Sources |
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| For since the beginning of the world <i>men</i> have not heard, | <lacking> | |
| nor perceived by the ear , neither hath the eye seen, | Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, | |
| | neither have entered into the heart of man, | Isa 65:16 LXX for they shall forget the former affliction, it shall not enter into their heart . |
| a God beside thee , which doeth so | the things which God <lacking> hath prepared | Psa 78:19 they said, Can God furnish [prepare] a table in the wilderness? |
| for him that waiteth for him. | for them that love him. | Exo 20:5-6 for I the LORD thy God <i>am</i> a jealous God, ... 6 ... shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me |