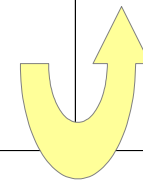


# Treasure Hunt

- What does God think of our religious ceremonies if we are following our own ways?
- How does God often judge those who do what they want rather than what he wants?
- The wicked do not hear when God calls. What, according to Isaiah, is the opposite of this statement?
- Why does God *not* hear when some people call?
- Why do some people not respond to God's call?

# Integration of Isaiah 65-66

	<b>Isaiah 65</b>	<b>Isaiah 66</b>	
True Worship (from Gentiles)	1	1-2	18-23
False Worship from Israel	2-7	3-4	15-17
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# 66:3b-4a, “He gave them their request...”

	Conduct	Worship
<b>3b, Man’s Sin</b>	Yea, they have <b>chosen</b> their own <b>ways</b> ,	and their soul delighteth in their <b>abominations</b> .
<b>4a, God’s Response</b>	4 I also will <b>choose</b> their delusions [תעלולים <b>capriciousness</b> ],	and will bring their <b>fears</b> upon them;

## “Abominations”

Deu 29:16 For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which ye passed by; 17 And ye have seen **their abominations**, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them:

## “Fears”

Gen 31:42 Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and **the fear of Isaac**, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty.

Gen 31:53 And Jacob sware by **the fear of his father Isaac**.

Isa 8:13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and **let him be your fear**, and let him be your dread.

## The reality of idols:

1Co 10:20 the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, **they sacrifice to devils**, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

# A Principle of Judgment

In the Wilderness:

Psa 106:13 They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel: 14  
But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. 15  
And **he gave them their request**; but sent leanness into their soul.

In the Land:

Psa 81:1 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would  
none of me. 12 So **I gave them up** unto their own hearts' lust: *and* they  
walked in their own counsels.

God's dealings with Gentiles

Rom 1:21 when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were  
thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was  
darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And  
changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to  
corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. 24  
Wherefore God also **gave them up** to uncleanness ... 26 For this cause God  
**gave them up** unto vile affections ... 28 God **gave them over** to a reprobate  
mind.

A warning for Believers:

Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for **whatsoever a man soweth, that  
shall he also reap**. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap  
corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

# Heavenly Conversation

Co-occurrence of four verbs: **call** קרא, **spake** דבר, **answer** ענה, **hear** שמע

God speaks, the wicked do not hear

- 65:12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I **called**, ye did not **answer**; when I **spake**, ye did not **hear**; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose *that* wherein I delighted not.
- 66:4 I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I **called**, none did **answer**; when I **spake**, they did not **hear**: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose *that* in which I delighted not.

**What is the opposite?**

# The Opposite...

		Who Calls?	
		God	Man
Is there an Answer?	Yes	(next slide...)	<b>65:24</b> ; Psa 50:8
	No	<b>65:12; 66:4</b>	The ungodly (1:15; 59:2)

The righteous speak, God hears

- Isa 65:24 And it shall come to pass, that before they **call**, I will **answer**; and while they are yet **speaking**, I will **hear**.

What God desires of his people:

- Psa 50:8 [Thanks for your sacrifices, but ... ] 9-13 [I don't really need them.] 14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: 15 And **call** upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

The wicked pray in vain...

- Isa 1:15 when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, **I will not hear**: your hands are full of blood.
- Isa 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that **he will not hear**.

# (Believers **do** respond to the Lord's call...)

Abraham:

Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, **when he was called** to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, **obeyed**; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Moses

Exo 3:4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, **God called** unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, **Here am I.**

Samuel

1Sa 3:4 **the LORD called** Samuel: and he answered, **Here am I.**

Paul

Gal 1:15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and **called** me by his grace, 16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; **immediately** I conferred not with flesh and blood:

A generic title for believers:

Rom 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, **called [ones]**, saints:

Why do some respond and others not?

Mat 20:16 (cf. 22:14) for many be **called**, but few **chosen**.

2Pe 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your **calling and election** sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: