



NOISE – Week 1

NOISE from enemies surrounds us. The prophet Isaiah pens this prayer to God about 100 years before the desperate situation that would befall the people of Judah even occurred. He envisions what it will be like for the people of Judah after the Babylonian army defeats them, plunder and pillages, and take the people captive. It was a tough time to be the people of God. It still is sometimes, isn't it?

Have you ever felt attacked? Was or is it a distraction (NOISE) from worship and service in God's name?

Read the entire prayer in Isaiah 63:7-64:12. This prayer follows the same format as prayers of lament in the Psalms.

- God's acts of the past as a basis of trust
- Complaint about present circumstances
- Confession of sin and petition for God's help
- Affirmation of trust in God with renewed appeal

1. Why is God one to be trusted? What acts are being recalled? (63:7-14)
2. What are the present circumstances that are the basis of the complaint? (63:15-19)
3. Describe the confession here. (64:1-7)
4. How is trust in God affirmed? (64:8-12)

God acts on behalf of those who wait for him. (Is. 64:4) Why is waiting so hard when you are under attack. How does this portion of scripture provide hope? While it is scary to pray for patience, pray that you can wait patiently while God is at work.