

November 29, 2020 (1 st Sunday of Advent)

“Oh, That You Would Come Down?”

(Isaiah 64:1-8)

In 1999 the Guinness Book of World Records recorded an entry about the longest time living in a \_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah’s desperate plea was the result of a great feeling of \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of two troubling phenomena.

**#1. – The people of Israel have known great \_\_\_\_\_ throughout their history.**

On one hand the Jewish people believe themselves to be a \_\_\_\_\_ people with a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with God.

On the other hand, there have been times when God seemed very \_\_\_\_\_ from them.

How many of us in our time of personal grief has not asked the question..... “ \_\_\_\_\_.....?”

Isaiah , the most \_\_\_\_\_ of all the prophets, was struck to the core of his being with the \_\_\_\_\_ of his people.

Word List

Away

chosen

far

Helplessness

sensitive

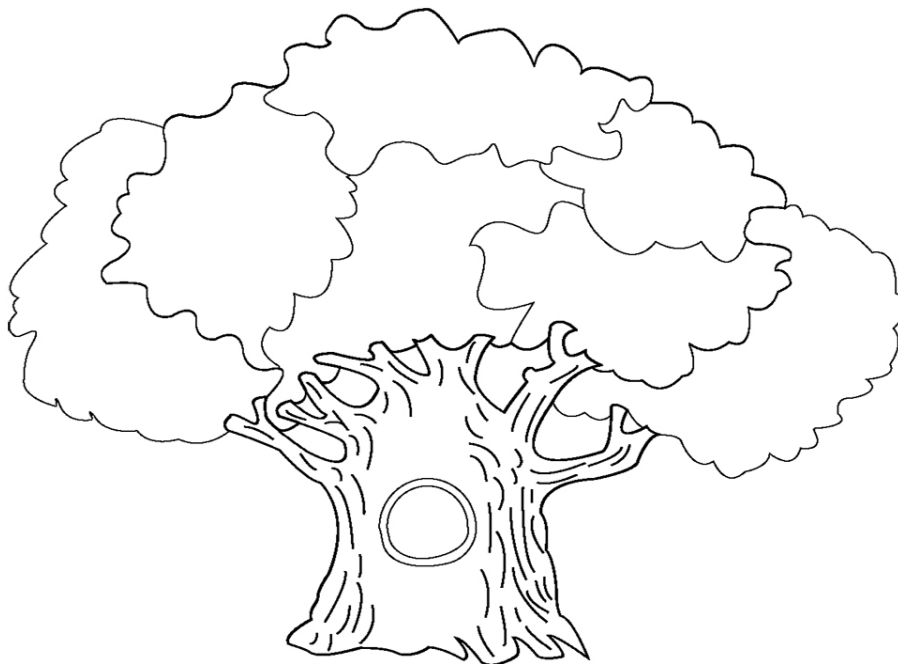
special

Suffering

suffering

tree

Where were you, God



## #2. – Just as troubling, was the Sinfulness of his people.

More than any other faith, the Jewish faith is one of doing right.

The Jews were called together as a people to give witness to God's moral law.

Something was missing. Something was there that alienated human beings from everything that God had created. That something was humanity's sinful nature!

It was sin that dug a chasm between God and humanity. For the very nature of God is holiness and righteousness.

But here were God's people, and they were people with dirty hands and impure hearts!

There is something about sin that coats the soul with grime and prevents us from seeing God.

Isaiah saw that Israel's only hope of saving itself was that God would come down and bring healing to his people!

### Word List

dirty	healing	holiness
hope	impure	moral
right	righteousness	seeing
sin	sinful	Sinfulness

## #3. – God has come Down!

God has come down in Jesus Christ and is the answer to humanity's suffering and sin!

He has come down, and what He offers us is himself alone!

Isaiah's prayer was answered. He has come down!

Now, all we have to do is receive Him and make Him known to a sin-filled and suffering world!

### Word List

answer	answered	Down
Himself	known	receive
sin	suffering	

How about you?

He has come down.

Will you receive Him now?