

November 29, 2020 (1st 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.

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

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

The Jews were called together as a people to give witness to God’s _____ law.

Something was missing. Something was there that alienated human beings from everything that God had created. That something was humanity’s _____!

It was _____ that dug a chasm between God and humanity.

(over)

For the very nature of God is _____ and _____.

But here were God’s people, and they were people with _____ hands and _____ hearts!

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

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

#3. – God has come _____!

God has come down in Jesus Christ and is the _____ to humanity’s _____ and _____!

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

Isaiah’s prayer was _____. He has come down!

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

How about you?

He has come down.
Will you receive Him now?