

I. We Need A Move (1-3)

A. Our deep longing (1) - “Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at Your presence...”

B. Our constant need (2) - “...as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make Your name known to Your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at Your presence!”

C. Our strong confidence (3) - “When You did awesome things that we did not look for, You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence.”

II. We Know What You Can Do (4-5a)

A. You are the matchless God (4a) - “From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides You...”

B. You are the interactive God (4b) - “...who acts for those who wait for Him.”

C. You are the faithful God (5a) - “You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember You in Your ways.”

III. We Have Strayed So Far Away (5b-7)

A. We deserve nothing (5b) - “Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?”

B. We acknowledge our sin (6) - “We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.”

C. We have reaped what we sowed (7) - “There is no one who calls upon Your name, who rouses himself to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.”

IV. We Trust in Your Grace and Mercy (8-9)

A. Who else can help us? (8a) - “But now, O LORD, You are our Father;”

B. Who else is forming us? (8b) - “...we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand.”

C. Who else has promised us? (9) - “Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all Your people.”