

Isaiah 65:24 – 66:2,5

God wants us to return and remain in the conditions in which we first believed - utter dependence of Him, with a "poor and contrite spirit." Like the Israelites redeemed and rescued from the Egyptians at the Red Sea.

Colossians 2:6 - "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him"

Isaiah 65:24-25 - "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD."

Isaiah 66:1-2 - "Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word."

poor = *`aniy* - depressed, in mind or circumstances, afflicted, humble, lowly, needy, poor, meek

contrite = *nakeh* - stricken, smitten, maimed and thus dejected, contrite

Isaiah 66:3 - "He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations."

Isaiah 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."

Isaiah 66:5 - "Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed."

Christ was "cast out" supposedly for "my name's sake" and sent to the cross. But he shall appear to your joy! And they shall "look on him whom they have pierced" and mourn for him. (**Zechariah 12:10; John 19:37**)