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The Book of Isaiah  
*Waiting and Seeking*





Isaiah 64



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Wait And Seek  
Isaiah 64:1-65:16

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I. Waiting with prayer (vv. 64:1-5a)





<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

<sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

*John 1:1-4*



<sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"--

*1 Corinthians 2:9*





<sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.


*Hebrews 11:6*



“Biblically speaking, “to wait” is to manifest the kind of trust that is willing to commit itself to God over the long haul. It is to continue to believe and expect when all others have given up. It is to believe that it is better for something to happen in God’s time than for it to happen on my initiative in my time.”





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- An hourglass with white sand is positioned on the left. In the center is a pocket watch with a black face and gold casing, showing cardinal directions (N, S, E, W) and intermediate directions (NE, SE, SW, NW). To the right is a rolled-up scroll with a black leather cover and gold rings. The background is an old, textured map with faint lines and text.
- I. Waiting with prayer (vv. 64:1-5a)
  - II. Waiting with lament (vv. 64:5b-7)





“Verses 5–7 present a many-sided doctrine of sin, remarkably full for an OT passage. Sin is a continual practice; it is defiling, it is destructive, and it creates a barrier between God and man—both from man’s side, for we do not want to pray, and from God’s, because he will not hear us.”

Geoffrey W. Grogan, “Isaiah,” in *The Expositor’s Bible Commentary*, 343.



<sup>18</sup>For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup>For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup>For his invisible attributes, namely,





his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup>For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking,





and their foolish hearts were darkened.

<sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

<sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal  
God for images resembling mortal man and  
birds and animals and creeping things.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of  
their hearts to impurity,



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to the dishonoring of their bodies among  
themselves,

*Romans 1:18-24*



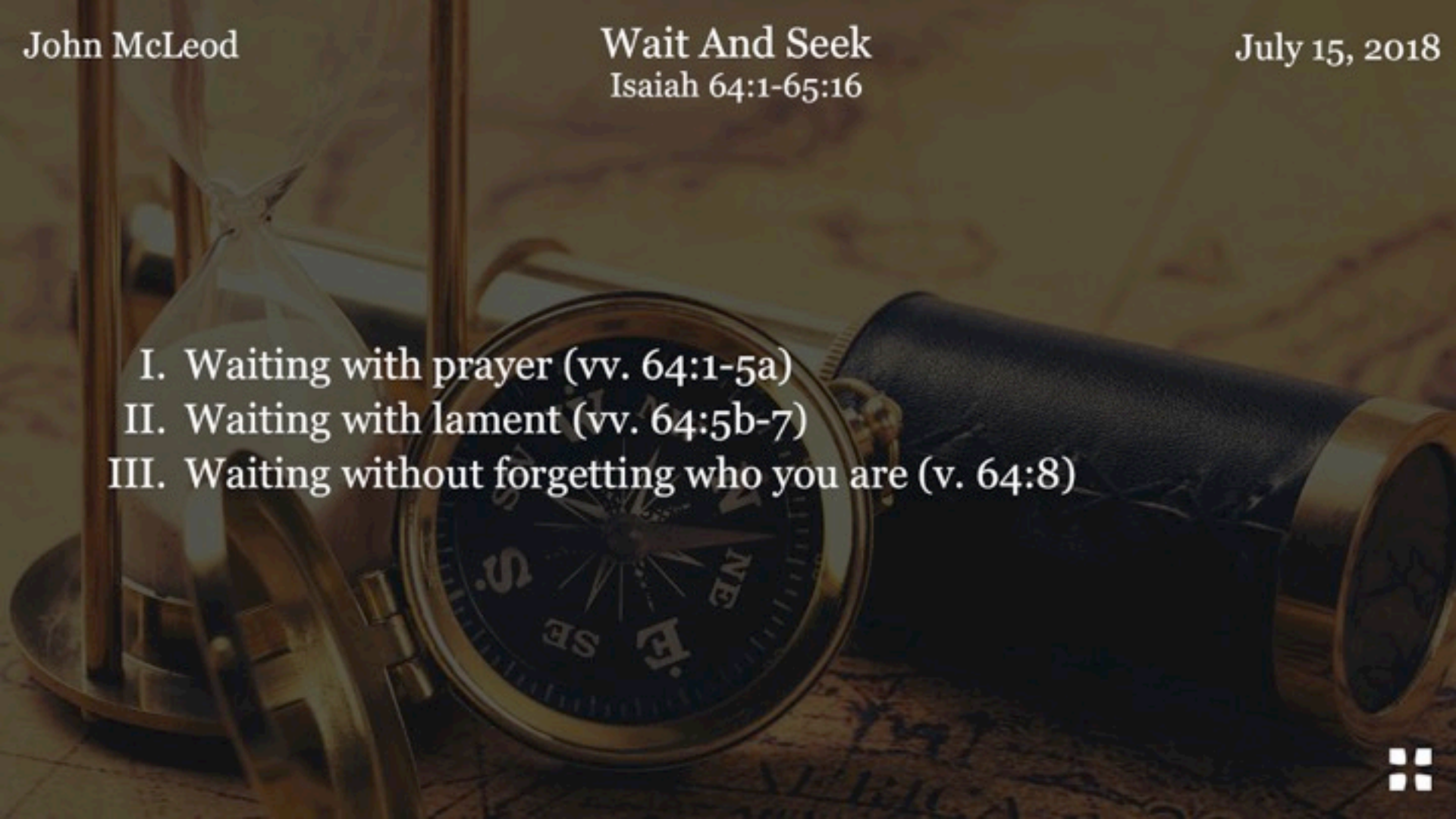


“Too often sin is deemed a slight mistake, a small or relatively minor infraction that is not really significant enough to confess. It is all too easy to overlook sin, forget it, or excuse it, assuming that it will not have a major impact on anyone’s relationship to God. Instead, the sinner should follow the example of the person confessing sins in this passage. Sin is a dark and destructive act that makes a person an enemy of God. The sinner is more repulsive than a vile and rancid menstrual cloth.”

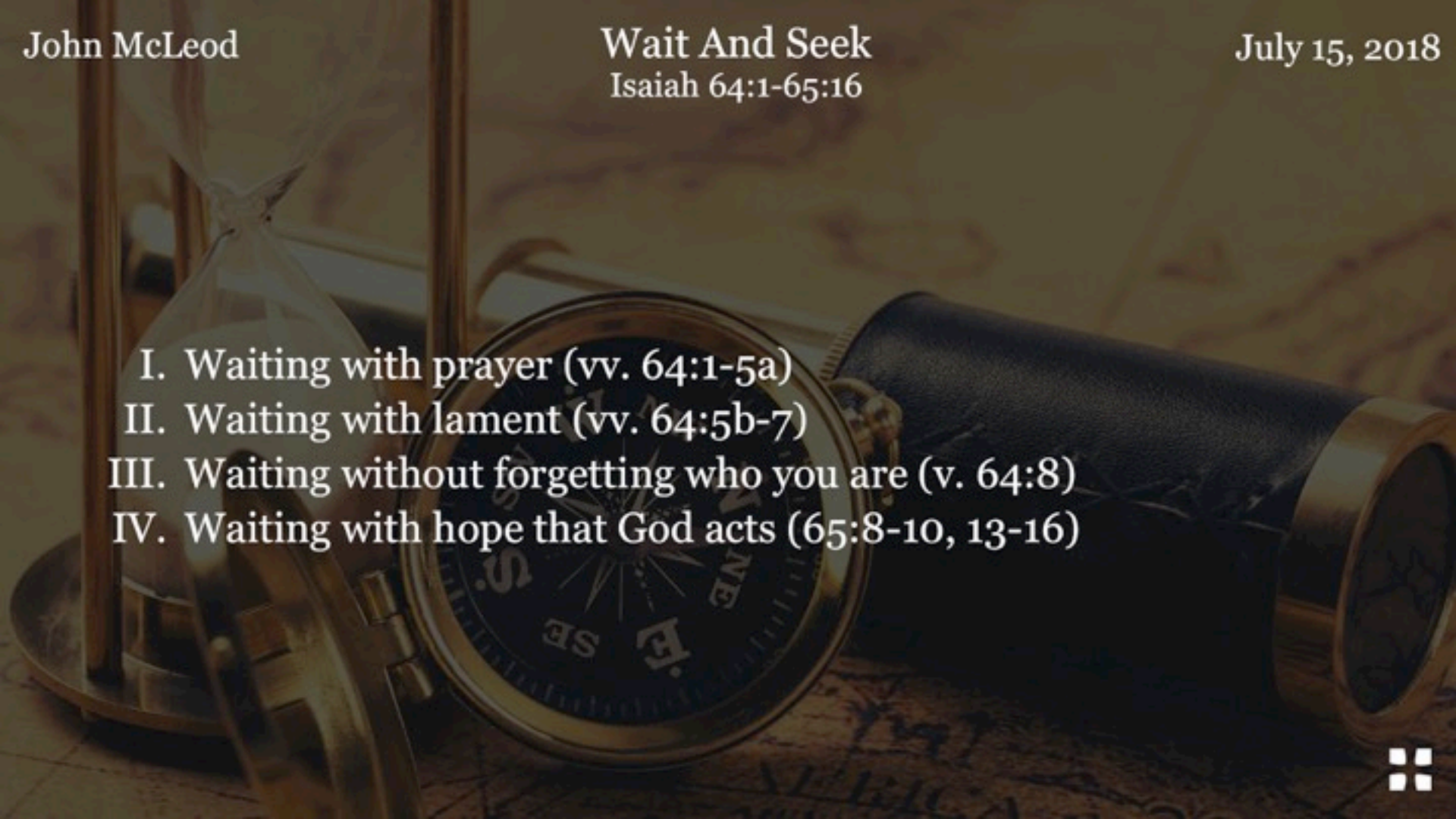
Gary Smith, Isaiah 40-66, vol. 15B, The New American Commentary, 690.





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- An hourglass with white sand is on the left. In the center is a brass compass with a black face and white markings for cardinal and intercardinal directions (N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW). To the right is a black telescope with brass rings. The background is a textured, light-colored surface, possibly a map or parchment.
- I. Waiting with prayer (vv. 64:1-5a)
  - II. Waiting with lament (vv. 64:5b-7)
  - III. Waiting without forgetting who you are (v. 64:8)



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- An hourglass, a pocket watch, and a telescope are arranged on a background of an old map. The hourglass is on the left, the pocket watch is in the center, and the telescope is on the right. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.
- I. Waiting with prayer (vv. 64:1-5a)
  - II. Waiting with lament (vv. 64:5b-7)
  - III. Waiting without forgetting who you are (v. 64:8)
  - IV. Waiting with hope that God acts (65:8-10, 13-16)



<sup>20</sup>Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me."

*Romans 10:20*





<sup>8</sup>The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup>He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. <sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth,



so great is his steadfast love toward those  
who fear him; <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the  
west, so far does he remove our  
transgressions from us.

*Psalms 103:8-12*

