

Isa 66:1
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The Lord regards Isa 66:1-2

Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? 2 "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

"Heaven is My throne" (v. 1)

Dt 10:14 "Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it.

1Ki 8:27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You, how much less this house which I have built!

Eph 1:20-23 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Heb 9:24 For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;

"the earth is My footstool"

"Feet of God" symbolizes his majestic presence (Zec 14:4; Ex 24:10; Nah 1:3; Mt 5:35; Ac 7:49; Rev 10:2)

God's feet are referred to in relation to worship (Ps 99:5; 110:1; 132:7; Rev 1:17)

Ultimately all will come to Jesus Christ's feet in worship (Ro 14:11; Isa 45:23; Phil 2:10)

"For My hand made all these things"

The hand of God is a figure of speech which points to God's sovereign power in creation and in his actions on his people's behalf. God creates by his hand (Ac 7:50; Job 10:3,8; Ps 8:3; 19:1; 95:5; 138:8; Isa 48:13; 64:8)

"to this one I will look" – to regard with pleasure

think about an object, implying an appropriate, caring response (Dictionary of Biblical Languages)

to take care of, with the implication of cherishing and concern for - 'to take care of' (Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament)

Jn 4:23-24 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. 24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

1. "To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word."

Humble – opposite of pride

Isa 57:15 For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

1Pt 5:5-6 ... and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

Jas 4:6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." ()

Jas 4:10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

2. The contrite (broken) of spirit

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Psa 34:18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psa 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Mt 5:3-4 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Lk 18:13-14 "But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' 14 "I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

3. He who trembles at My word

Prov 13:13 The one who despises the word will be in debt to it, But the one who fears the commandment will be rewarded.

Prov 28:14 How blessed is the man who fears always, But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

Heb 12:25-29 See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven. ... 28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; 29 for our God is a consuming fire.