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- Context 1 An aiding God: *'You come to the aid of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways'*  
2. An angry God: *'But we continued to sin...you were angry. How then can we be saved?'*

v1: ***'If only You had come...'***

### **I. Why We Need Him (vv1-7)**

expectation: *'You did awesome things we did not expect'*  
(v1-3); **Jeremiah 18:1-6**

**ILLUS: The Incredibles: 'What are you waiting for?  
something amazing I guess...Me too kid.'**

intervention: *'since ancient times...(no) God besides you'*  
(v4-5a); **John 6:30-35**

confession: *'we have become unclean....our sins sweep us away'* (v5b-7) **Isaiah 29:13-16**

**ILLUS: '1,000 Resurrections'**

### **II. How We Know Him (v8-12)**

recognizing: *'Yet, O Lord, you are our Father'* (v8)  
**Matt 11:20-30**

remembering: *'Do not be angry beyond measure, O Lord''*  
(v9a) **Psalm 103:12-14; 1 Peter 2:4-10**

***God makes us his people and gives us a place.***

*'Your sacred cities have become a desert, even Zion...all that we treasured lies in ruins'* (v10-11)

requesting: *'Oh, look upon us, we pray'* (v9b)

*'O Lord, will you hold yourself back? Will you keep silent?'*  
(v12)

**ILLUS: 'better than greatness is greatness that comes down'**  
**[John 1:1-4, 14]**