**Isaiah 64:4-6, NKJV, emphasis mine, "For since the beginning of the world**
***Men* have not heard nor perceived by the ear,
Nor has the eye seen any God besides You,**
Who acts for the one who waits for Him.
5You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness,
*Who* remembers You in Your ways.
You are indeed angry, for we have sinned—
In these ways we continue;
And we need to be saved.6But we are all like an unclean *thing,*
And all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags;
We all fade as a leaf,
And our iniquities, like the wind,
Have taken us away.”

Charles Spurgeon, in the late 1800's, wrote about Isaiah's words, saying, "God is ready to help. He has everything in preparation before our needs begin." Isaiah echoes the **openhandedness, overwhelming love, and generosity** of our Heavenly Father. “For since the beginning of the world … ***Men* have not heard nor perceived by the ear,
Nor has the eye seen any God besides You.”**

*Unfortunately, because of our own sin, we mere humans are doomed to an inevitable mortality ....***"We all fade as a leaf."** *Both Isaiah and Spurgeon understood that our Mighty God, however, is unstinting, unsparing, and understanding, the greatest, the most awesome, the utmost,* ***“bestest,,****”* ***"beyond belief", "hugest" helper*** *we could ever have!* Now…here’s the “big deal” about this scripture, the “big cheese” talk, the “big and bold” reality, the “big ticket” truth, the “big picture,” and the “big send-off”—**our truly titanic God looked past our faults and sent a faithful, forever Savior. *(Now, that is “BIG TALKIN’”!) Can we all say…..”BIGGIE!!”***

**Happy “Fade as a Leaf” Friday to you!** Today, this 'mortality-motivated,' munificent, magnanimous morning, may the magnitude, empathy, and meaning of Isaiah's message move us closer to our marvelous, remarkable Maker, whose mission has always been "us".....”**since the beginning of the world!”**

**It is forever and always,**

**Because of Him,**

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***You need a Savior….you need a friend….Jesus is waiting. Call me, 316-323-3889, with questions.***

**Dear Holy God, thank You for creating us and making a way for our sinful nature to be purged and saved. Thank You for the humongous sacrifice of Your perfect Son. Help me today be more like You, as I learn to tame my thoughts, evade evil, and forgo faithlessness. Guide my steps today to be true. Show me Your plan for my walk this day, and help me achieve the great good set before me. Be with those that are critically ill, facing difficulties, and discouraged. Let the miracle of the cross loom over them. Forgive me when I stumble and stutter. Lift me higher in Your service. In the terror that surrounds, in the fear that looms large, in the evil that envelopes, please send Your blood’s protection and covering. Bring Your kingdom, and please protect Israel today. Thank You for loving me. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**