

Isaiah Chapter 12

This chapter is a song of triumphant praise and serves as a dramatic climax and doxology to the Immanuel prophecy (7:1-12:6). I will praise thee is an imperfect verb expressing continual action. Behold, God is my salvation literally means, "My salvation is God Himself!" The Lord Jehovah is our strength, song and salvation. The expression is similar to the song of deliverance sung by the people of Israel when they crossed the Red Sea (Exodus 15:12).

(John 4:14), is reminiscent of the water out of the wells of salvation. Excellent things are majestic things. These great things are to be preached to the whole world and sung and shouted aloud, for great is the Holy One of Israel. With beautiful imagery, Isaiah closes this section of prophecy with a triumphal doxology of praise.

Two brief songs of praise (verses 1-3 and 4-6), which redeemed Israel will sing at the outset of the millennial kingdom. They are the earthly counterpart to the heavenly doxology (in Rev. 19:6-7).

Isaiah 12:1 "And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me."

We know that numerous occasions, such as the crossing of the Red Sea, brought victorious song from the Israelites. Praise can be done in many ways. It can be by lifting of the hands to heaven in prayer and thanksgiving, or it can be done by lifting the voice in song of praise unto the LORD.

It seems these Israelites had a lot of practice in repenting of their wayward ways and receiving God's forgiveness. This immediately brought a spirit of praise to the LORD. In this particular verse above, it is probably speaking of them being lost as a nation, because of their sin, and God saving a remnant that grow into a mighty family of God.

God's anger is seldom forever. He is a forgiving and a restoring God. When God turns His anger away, He comforts them and sets them upright to live again. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. We are not sinless, we are forgiven. In fact, we are totally pardoned, as if we had never sinned.

Jesus paid the price in full for our transgression. The day (mentioned in the verse above), is any day that deliverance from our sin comes. For them, this was a physical deliverance and restoration. For you and me, it is the day we receive Jesus as Savior and Lord.

"Thine anger is turned away". For the future remnant who will recognize the substitutionary death of Christ for their sins, Christ bore God's anger in their place. Otherwise, that anger against them would remain.

Isaiah 12:2 "Behold, God [is] my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH [is] my strength and [my] song; he also is become my salvation."

“God is my salvation”. God will deliver the faithful of Israel from both their political opponents and the spiritual consequences of their sins. LORD JEHOVAH: The doubling of the personal name of God serves to emphasize His role as the covenant keeping One.

“My strength and my song ... my salvation”: Moses and the Israelites sang a similar song to celebrate their deliverance from the Egyptians (Exodus 15:2; Psalm 118:14).

The word "Jesus" in its fullest expression, means JEHOVAH SAVIOR. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Faith is the opposite of fear.

David said the same thing in Psalms 27: "A Psalm of David".

Psalms 27:1 “The LORD [is] my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD [is] the strength of my life; of whom shall I be Afraid?"

John 10:9 "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

1 John 3:23 "And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment."

Salvation is in the name of Jesus.

Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Faith and trust go hand in hand. Trust is when you rest in the knowledge that Jesus is acting on your behalf in every situation, and you know all is well. The fact that we know we are saved, through Jesus, puts a song of praise in our heart.

The following verse leaves no doubt at all where our strength comes from.

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Isaiah 12:3 "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation."

The "water" here, is the Spirit of God. Jesus told the woman at the well, if she drank of this water, she would never thirst again. This is the water of the Holy Spirit of God.

John 4:10-14 "Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." "The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?" "Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:" "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

The "water" Jesus was speaking of is the water of life.

John 3:5 "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

The following Scripture is speaking of the Holy Spirit within.

John 7:38 "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

“Water ... springs”: Isaiah’s readers doubtless thought of how God satisfied the physical thirst of their ancestors in the Wilderness of Sin (in Exodus 17:1-7). The same provision will apply for their descendants when the Messiah comes to deliver the nation. The New Testament amplifies this provision to include the supply of spiritual water for the thirsty soul (John 4:10, 14; 7:37; Rev. 7:16-17; 21:6 and 22:17).

This water of the Holy Spirit brings God's Word alive to us. Joy comes from knowing we are saved.

Verses 4-5: Following the future Day of the Lord, Israel will testify to the rest of the world about His greatness and majesty. This was His purpose for His earthly people from the beginning.

Isaiah 12:4 "And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted."

The commandment Jesus made unto His followers was to go into the world and testify of Him.

Mark 16:15-18 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;" "They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

The Scripture above could also be speaking to the natural house of Israel. Since God has forgiven them and restored them, they are obligated to tell others of His greatness. Notice they praise the LORD, and also tell others to call upon His name. They witness the greatness of God to others, to cause them to come to God.

His name is exalted among all names.

Philippians 2:10 "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth;"

I will repeat a Scripture which will show the exalted state of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Isaiah 12:5 "Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this [is] known in all the earth."

In that glorious day, all will know Him.

Hebrews 8:10-11 "For this [is] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:" "And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest."

There will be plenty to sing about. The Lord Jesus Christ has come through the tribe of Judah and saved us. Let me give you a few Scriptures which say it so well.

Ephesians 1:10 "That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; [even] in him:"

Ephesians 4:13 "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:"

Colossians 1:19 "For it pleased [the Father] that in him should all fullness dwell;"

Colossians 2:9 "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."

Isaiah 12:6 "Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great [is] the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."

"Cry out" speaks of telling all who are in hearing distance of His greatness. There is a literal Zion (Jerusalem), and there is a spiritual Zion (church). Are you the church of the Lord Jesus Christ? Then shout the good news of the gospel to all who will listen.

“Thou inhabitant of Zion”: The Hebrew of this verse personifies Zion as a woman by commanding her to “cry aloud and shout” in celebration of the Lord’s greatness.

The greatness of God is so far beyond the comprehension of the fleshly mind. It is only through the spirit that we get a glimpse of the greatness of God. The glory of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is that He is with them. His light burns brightly in His church.

So many churches have locked Him out, and He is knocking to get in, but the true church is filled with the Light of the Lord so greatly, that it sends out a beacon of Light to the entire world to see. The Light draws men to it.

Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

His name is WONDERFUL, JESUS my LORD. ALMIGHTY GOD is HE.

Isaiah Chapter 12 Questions

1. What day is verse 1 speaking of?
2. What was one specific time, when the children of Israel burst out into songs of praise to the LORD?
3. What are some of the ways to praise the LORD?
4. What specific deliverance is verse 1 probably speaking of?
5. What does God do, when He turns His anger away?
6. We are not sinless, we are _____.
7. We are just as if we had never _____.
8. Behold, _____ is my salvation.
9. I will _____ and not be afraid.
10. For the _____ is my strength and my song.
11. What does the word "Jesus" in its fullest sense mean?
12. Without _____, it is impossible to please God.
13. What is the commandment given us in 1 John 3:23?
14. Salvation is in the name of _____.
15. What causes us to have a song of praise in our heart?
16. Give a Scripture to show where our strength comes from.
17. What is the "water" in verse 3?
18. What promise did Jesus make the woman at the well?

19. What is this living water?
20. What were Jesus' instructions to His followers in the 16th chapter of Mark?
21. Why was the physical house of Israel obligated to tell others?
22. What does Acts 4:12 tell us about salvation?
23. What does Hebrews 8:11 tell us about who will know the Lord?
24. For in Him dwelleth all of the _____ of the Godhead bodily.
25. What does "cry out" speak of?
26. Can man fully understand the greatness of God?