

The Proper Response to God's Gift of the Kingdom

ISAIAH 12

Praise to God for Turning from His Anger

- *In that day* is the time of God's recovery and redemption of the remnant in His kingdom – Isa. 11:10-11, 16
- As part of God's remnant of grace (Rom. 11:15) we sing praise to Him for turning His anger to comfort – 12:1
 - Until now, God's anger had not been turned away – Isa. 5:25; 9:12; 10:4
 - God is addressing us. God was angry with us as unbelievers, ungodly, and disobedient – Jn. 3:36; Rom. 1:18; 2:8
 - We sing because God in his love and grace has changed that – Rom. 5:8-9; 2 Cor. 1:3-4
- **God expects praise from His people for this salvation!**

Sing of their Trust in God

- Isaiah 12:2 is bookended with the declaration that *God is our salvation*
 - God has provided salvation from *His own wrath* against us!
 - We sing *God is our salvation* and *has become* our salvation.
 - God is the fullness of our salvation--the beginning, middle, and end of it!
- Because God is our salvation, our lives are to have...
 - Trust – confidence and security in God
 - Lack of fear – courage, not controlled by fear – 2 Tim. 1:7-8
 - Strength – sturdiness in the face of life – Eph. 1:21; 6:10
 - Song/joy – The expression of inner joy for our salvation

Draw the Waters of Salvation with Joy

- Israel lived an arid existence
 - Water was a precious commodity in the wilderness and Land.
 - Because of their sin, Israel/Judah became spiritual deserts, people devoid of saving water – Jer. 2:11, 13
 - Now, God's spiritual Israel (Jew/Gentile) can come and fill their buckets in the wells of salvation time and again – 12:3
- God provides salvation in His kingdom, the church, in abundance! – Rom. 5:17; Titus 3:4-7
- Do you have joy in your salvation and draw from it daily?

Testify of God's Salvation to the World

- *In that day the congregation* calls on all to praise the Lord and call on His name in worship – 12:4
- Our song of joy is proclaimed to the whole earth – 12:5-6
 - We sing of the excellent things He has done for us – 12:5
 - In Christ we have found the greatest thing in the world...offered in abundance to everyone!
 - We are all saved to evangelize! We want others to be saved.
- The redeemed know God deserves the praise of all creation and want others to give it to Him – 12:6