The Song of Salvation

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I. Singing Because of Redemption (Isa. 54:1-3).

The time of travail and pain is over. Thus the people of God can break out in singing and rejoicing because their time of judgment was past.

Saved Zion will now spread itself in every direction. An incalculable number of redeemed people will inhabit the cities.

On the basis of God's sovereignty and grace the nation will once again multiply and will break forth in singing and joy.

II. Singing Because of Restoration (Isa. 54:4-10).

Based on the promised national redemption the people in captivity are commanded to not be fearful or let any external force, fear, or terror cause them to be discouraged. None of those things can overcome this "new relationship with God" (Hailey 445).

Jehovah is the Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel who is the revelation and standard of holiness. On that basis He separated from His people, but now that separation is foretold to end for He will redeem her.

God has not left His people nor has He forgotten His people. His promises to His people will be fulfilled despite their life of shame and reproach towards Him.

For a brief moment God had to forsake her, but with great mercy He will scoop her back up again and regather her as His chosen people. God still loved her but loathed her sinful ways.

Just as God made a covenant with Noah after the flood that the waters would never go over the whole of the earth again, so He has sworn that He would not keep His anger or rebuke towards His people any longer.

In the midst of an ever-changing, crumbling, shattered world come the hope and promises to the people that are permanent, unshakeable, and unmovable. The word of God, His character, His deity, His victory and His actions are fixed, impenetrable, and inevitable.

III. Singing Because of Reversal (Isa. 54:11-17).

This will not be just an outward change but an inward transformation for now the people will desire to be taught directly by God. They will enjoy His peace.

Conclusion

Thus no one or no weapons will succeed without God's sovereign allowance. The craftsmen, the weapons, and the destroyers will not succeed for God is in supreme and complete control. Those who accuse the nation will be condemned by the truth of God within the people. God will vindicate His people. God will win. The victory is the Lord's.