

Isaiah's Praise Song

Text: Isaiah 12:1-6

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Isaiah believed so certainly in God's promises, that he penned a praise song in anticipation of the Millennium. The certainty of God's promises should cause us to elicit praise from our lips.

For Isaiah, _____ results in praise!

I. The people offer praise to God for His compassionate _____ (Isa. 12:1-3).

Why would the people praise God?

- **The anger of God has been turned into _____ (v. 1).**

God's wrath can be removed from a person, not through the sinner's actions, but because the wrath of God has been _____ upon the One who took the place and bore the guilt of mankind's sin.

God can now show His comfort to Israel because of the work of the Redeemer upon the cross.

God's anger turned away then means that His judgment work has been completed and His anger has subsided.

An _____ sense of gratefulness now wells up in God's people when they understand that God has accomplished His plans. God's plans were then sufficiently completed and the comfort of God would be forever bestowed upon His people.

God's promises do not give us a license to live _____ lives. In fact the opposite should be true: Jesus Christ and all the mercy and grace afforded to His children should be cause for celebration. Hallelujah, Jehovah's anger has been turned from us.

- **Jehovah has become the _____ of the nation (v. 2).**

The word *salvation* implies not just physical release from bondage but spiritual salvation and renewal directly correlated to the ruling Messiah and the true knowledge of God.

Salvation separate from God is both unthinkable and impossible. God ordained the salvation plan, His creation is mankind, and His Son is the means through which salvation comes.

"God is our Father, and by an act of His omnipotent grace adopts us as His own children. In the fullest and deepest sense, we receive God. What more can we have – what more do we need than God Himself? He is our salvation" (Young 403).

- **Jehovah has become the nations' _____ (v. 3).**

This pictures living according to God's principles and following His will and is the key to joy.

II. The people offer praise to God for His mighty _____ (Isa. 12:4-6).

When the people recognize the Lord's salvation, they cannot but help to sing His praises and the glories of His redeeming power.

1 Great God of wonders! all thy ways are matchless, godlike and divine;
but the fair glories of thy grace more godlike and unrivaled shine, more godlike and unrivaled
shine.

Who is a pard'ning God like thee? Or who has grace so rich and free?
Or who has grace so rich and free?

_____ upon the name of God means we are looking to Him for help, guidance, and care in the trials and circumstances of life.

We can and should not remain silent! We must proclaim His name among the peoples. We must make known the salvation work of the Lord in our lives. We must *declare* His works and actions that He has sought to render upon His people. We must exalt His name since He is above all names. His works are marvelous and life-changing.

The depth of our praise is closely related to whether we truly have a deep sense of gratitude to God for His work in our lives.

**This will not be closed-mouthed or quiet hearts. Instead this will be a _____
bursting forth of jubilation, praise, and joy for the salvation of the Lord.**

The very presence of the Savior, the Holy One will be among His people. Mourning will turn to joy. The glorious deeds will give way to the Deedgiver. The remnant will have physical proof that the One who prepared the way, the One who battled for them, the One who has done these majestic works is now before them in full view. Truly their faith will become sight.

Conclusion

Do you see your need to praise God for the future even though we haven't seen the fulfillment of our redemption? Do you praise God that His anger has been laid on His Son and for those who believe on Him it is now turned from them? Do you praise God that Jesus is your salvation? Do you sing with exultation that God is the Source of your prosperity? Do you praise His name, call upon His name, declare and exalt His name to the nations? Do you sing unto the Lord? Do you see the Holy One of Israel as great?

If not, why not? Praise must begin now, even as the battle rages for the souls of men. The certainty of God's future promises brought joy to Isaiah in his darkest day. In our day, do we praise God for the past victories and the future hope?