

SING AND SHOUT Sunday, June 9, 2013

Unifying Topic: GIVE THANKS

Lesson Text

I. In That Day (Isaiah 12:1-2)

II. Wells Of Salvation (Isaiah 12:3)

III. Joyful Celebration (Isaiah 12:4-6)

The Main Thought: 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 (Isaiah 12:4, KJV).

Unifying Principle: People who experience lifesaving blessings are grateful and speak words of thanksgiving. To whom do people direct their praise and thanksgiving for life's blessings? Isaiah gives thanks to God for salvation with joyous songs of praise.

Lesson Aim: To inform students that thanksgiving and praise for life and salvation should be directed to God.

Life aim: To challenge students to follow Isaiah's example and offer individual and collective praise and thanksgiving to God so that all the world will hear and know of His marvelous works.

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.

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.

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

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.

12:5 Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

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

HISTORY:

Isaiah Chapter 11: 1-16 The Lord would cut down the forests and the mighty trees, but God's kingdom will arise by a shoot coming up from the stump of Jesse, David's father (Rev. 22:16). Isaiah undoubtedly was thinking of God's promise to David (2 Sam. 7:16) that a Descendant of David will rule over his kingdom forever (v. 1). He will come directly from the line of David and will fulfill God's promises in the Davidic Covenant. The Holy Spirit possesses all wisdom, knowledge and understanding. Isaiah wrote, "The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power." (v. 2)

As we read this passage from Isaiah it is important to understand that Isaiah describes not only the birth of Christ, but also His millennial reign (one thousand year). Isaiah described the righteous kingdom which the Messiah will set up (vv. 3-9). The curse will be lifted, peace and harmony will be present, and wild animals will again be tame and harmless to domesticated animals and humans. Isaiah spoke of the Lord's gathering the people of Israel and Judah from all over the world (vv. 10-16). He compared it to a second "Exodus," about 700 years earlier.

Now we come to a thanksgiving hymn of the restored and converted Jews. It shows how the Church will praise God, when they are delivered from their captivity.

LESSON:

Isaiah 12:1-2 In That Day

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."* Hostile nations will be natural and unimpeded during the reign of the Prince of Peace. ¹This great song of praise is a result of what was said in the last part of Isaiah 11:11. God promised that He was going to restore Israel, bring the remnant back to the land and bless both Jews and Gentiles. There is a time of punishment and there is a time of restoration. Therefore, "In that day" its praise time because God is no longer angry with Israel and verse 2 directs us to praise for salvation. What turns away God's anger? Something called "propitiation". It's the payment of the price of justice. God can only forgive us when we have come to the point where we have chosen to allow Jesus (the Messiah; the root of Jesse—11:10) to pay for our sins. It's when we've come to the point where we are no longer going to try and please God by our own actions, but have realized that the only way to please God is by accepting His solution to our sins. Therefore Isaiah declares "I will praise thee, God's anger is turned away" and now comfort is found in God. The comfort of God comes only after the sin and wickedness have been punished and forgiven.

¹ <http://www.biblegems.com/ISAIAH12V1.HTM>

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."* "Behold", meaning look at who God is. He is my salvation! ²This is talking about salvation. But it's not just salvation from the threat of the enemy armies advancing on Jerusalem. It's salvation from the very wrath of God. Just as Isaiah, the very faithful, and others will be singing this song. They will have come to trust in God because God will be their strength and song. Isaiah says *"I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation"*, which means, *"Yahweh has saved."* And because Yahweh has saved, I can trust and not be afraid. And since Jehovah is my strength and my song, I can trust and not be afraid. There is a song in my heart because Yahweh has become my salvation! I could go on and on. This is how the people will feel in that day!

Isaiah 12:3 Wells Of Salvation

12:3 *"Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation."* This is speaking of the people having joy because they are safe as they *"draw water out of the wells of salvation"*. As we see in verse 2, Lord God Jehovah is our strength, our song, and has become our salvation. *With joy they will draw from the wells of salvation.* We draw from Jehovah! ³Once you receive salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, you have a deep well of never-ending spiritual resources that you can draw upon for the rest of your life. God wants to give us joy today and in the future. This provision include the supply of spiritual water for the thirsty soul from the wells of salvation. *"You will get water joyfully from the wells [that provide] rescue and safety."*

Isaiah 12:4-6 Joyful Celebration

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."* In that day, they will do six things: They will say 1) Praise the Lord, 2) Call Jehovah's name, 3) Declare Jehovah's wonderful doings (His mighty deeds) among the people, and 4) Make known Jehovah's name is exalted. The day will be filled with joy from the praises of the people as they call upon His name; for all the Lord has done. The day will be filled with joy as they draw water out of the wells of salvation. In that day it will be a joyful celebration. Thus, Israel will testify to the rest of the world about the Lord's greatness and majesty.

12:5 *"Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth."* We're still continuing *"in that day."* There will be a joyful celebration, it's time to sing. 5) Sing to the Lord. Why?- For God hath done excellent things (majestic things): this is known in all the earth. This will be Israel's response unto the Lord.

12:6 *"Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."* "In that day", 6) Cry out and shout. Why?- For great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of the inhabitants of Zion. When the Holy One is in our midst, there is crying out and shouting; there is always excitement. So you can imagine how Israel will feel and what gives them reason in that day.

SUMMARY:

⁴This chapter is a hymn of praise. "Salvation" is a key theme in this song. The refrain in verse two "The Lord, even Jehovah, is my strength and my son; He is also my salvation," was sung at the Exodus (Ex.15:2) and at the rededication of the temple in Ezra's day (Ps. 118:14). It also was sung by the Red Sea after the Jews had been delivered from Egypt by Moses. It was sung in Jerusalem when the second temple was dedicated under the leadership of Ezra the priest. It will be sung again when the Jewish nation accepts Jesus Christ as its King. They will recognize Him as "the Holy One of Israel" and will willingly obey His Word. This hymn of praise is a graphic description of the people's joy when Jesus comes to reign over the earth.

God's anger is no longer directed toward the people of Judah (vv. 1-3). To draw water from the wells of salvation (v. 3) pictures living according to God's principles and thus participating with joy in the blessings He will provide. The remnant will thank the Lord and will call on each other to let the world know what God has done (vv. 4-6). All people will sing to Him because of His glorious deeds. All preaching must include the declaration of who the Savior is and what He has done for us.

APPLICATION:

The celebration swells within us! It's bound to come out just knowing what God has done through Jesus Christ.

² <http://www.calvaryfullerton.org/Bstudy/23%20Isa/1999/23Isa12a.htm>

³ <http://www.biblegems.com/ISAIAH12V1.HTM>

⁴ <http://www.family-times.net/commentary/a-song-of-praise/>

<http://www.pitwm.net/pitwm-sundayschool.html>