

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 229 – Anger Turned Away Through Praising God (Isaiah 12:1-6)

1. What is “that day” as we begin chapter twelve?

- This verse ties back to chapter eleven wherein Isaiah was prophesying of the first coming of Christ (**Isaiah 11:10**; cf. **Romans 15:7-12**).
- We know that was Christ, as we discussed, because Jesus came forth from Jesse (**Matthew 1:1-6** and **Revelation 22:16**) and brought salvation to the Gentiles (**Luke 2:25-32**, **Ephesians 2:11-17**; cf. **Acts 13:46-48**, **Acts 26:18-20**, **Galatians 3:14-29**, and **II Timothy 4:17**).

2. In “that day”, why did Isaiah prophesy that Israel would praise God?

“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” (Isaiah 12:1).

- God was angry with them (**II Kings 17:18**, **Jeremiah 32:32**, **Jeremiah 44:6**, and **Ezekiel 8:17**).
- He did turn His anger away (**Luke 1:54-55**; cf. **Hosea 14:4-9**).
- He did bring comfort His people through Christ as true salvation will come through the resurrection (**I Thessalonians 4:13-18**).
- What is also wonderful is that through the fall of Israel salvation came to the world, yet not to the forsaking of Israel (**Romans 11:12-36**).

3. Does knowing that God is your salvation bring trust and remove fears?

Of course: “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” (Isaiah 12:2).

- Salvation is of God (**Psalms 27:1**, **Isaiah 45:17**, **Isaiah 45:22-25**, **Jeremiah 3:23**, **Acts 4:10-12**, **Romans 1:16**, **II Timothy 3:15**, etc.).
- Knowing you are saved takes away a certain fear (**Hebrews 13:5-6** and **I John 4:16-18**), yet there is still the fear of God that must remain in us (**Philippians 2:12**, **Hebrews 12:28-29**, and **I Peter 2:17**).
- Jehovah is a source of strength (**Isaiah 26:4**).
- However, it is not just in the Father (**Ephesians 3:16** and **Philippians 4:13**).

4. What type of wells were going to bring joy through the drawing out of water?

Wells of salvation: “Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation” (Isaiah 12:3).

- This is just a figure of speech (cf. **Isaiah 55:1-3** and **John 4:10-14**).

5. Does true salvation cause you to talk about God to others?

Yes: *“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).*

- You will praise God for salvation (**Psalms 118:21** and **Acts 2:47**).
- Calling on His name because of (**Psalms 105:1**) and for (**Romans 10:13**; cf. **Acts 22:16**) salvation.
- How can you keep quiet about what God has done (**Acts 4:13-20**)?
- Even Jesus couldn't but help declare the name of His Father (**John 17:26**).
- When you're saved, you rejoice (**Acts 8:35-39**).
- God wants exalted (**Psalms 46:10**).

6. Should songs to God include singing about things He has done?

Yes: *“Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth” (Isaiah 12:5).*

- **Exodus 15:1, Isaiah 15:21, Psalms 98:1, Psalms 105:2, Romans 15:9, and Colossians 3:16.**

7. Did Israel have reason to cry out and shout?

Yes: *“Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee” (Isaiah 12:6).*

- **Isaiah 40:9, Isaiah 52:6-10, and Matthew 21:5-11.**