

## Isaiah's Song of Salvation

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Isaiah 12 (An “oasis” in this section of Isaiah)

➡ What aspect of your salvation amazes you the most?

Isaiah 12 is a song Isaiah is singing (v. 2—“my song”, v. 5- “Sing unto the Lord.”).

It has two stanza's, each beginning with the words, “in that day” (vs. 1, 4). “That day” is the millennium.

**Prophetically**, in Isaiah 12, the tribulation period is over; God has saved Israel; the curse has been lifted from the earth; and the 1,000 year reign of Christ has begun. It is peace on earth at last!

Dispensationally Isaiah 12 applies to those in the kingdom. It also be applied to Christians today. This is a song of praise that any believer can sing in any dispensation. We praise God for the same 7 things:

1. God's anger is turned away (v. 1). Amen! God is not mad at me (cf. Zeph. 3:14-15)!
  - Up until Isaiah 12:1, Isaiah did not have much to sing about because God's “*anger is **not** turned away*” (5:25; 9:12, 17, 21; 10:4). Singing is usually silent when anger is directed towards you (Ps. 137:1-4).
  - In the Millennium, God's hand will no longer be outstretched in judgment. His anger will be turned to comfort. “*For his anger endureth but a moment... Weeping may endure for a night [tribulation], but joy cometh in the morning*” [second advent] (Ps. 30:5).
  - God is just and must punish sin. So where has His anger been “*turned away*” **to**? His Son—Our Substitute (Isa. 53:4-11; Heb. 9:28; 1 Pet. 2:24).
2. God's comfort (v. 1). Amen! He sent the Comforter!
3. God's salvation (v. 2). Amen! He saved me. NOTE: The Hebrew word for “*salvation*” in verse 2 is “*yeshua*”—Translated “*Joshua*” the Jewish word for “*Jesus*” (cf. Acts 7:44-45; Heb. 4:8). “God is my “yeshua”—Jesus.”

4. The “*wells of salvation*” to draw from (v. 3). They never runs dry!
5. God’s doings (v. 4; v. 5—“...*he hath done excellent things*”)... Amen!
6. God’s greatness (v. 6a)... Amen!
7. God’s presence (v. 6b). “*Holy One*” (cf. Mk. 1:24; Acts 2:27; 3:14).
  - Dual application. (1) He will be physically in the midst of Zion during the Millennium. (2) He is in the midst of every Christian, spiritually. (cf. Mt. 18:20; John 20:19; Rev. 1:13, 20)

## I. **The PROMPTING for the song** (vs. 1-3).

### A. **The SIMPLICITY of trust**— “*I will trust, and not be afraid...*”

Fear is an indication of a lack of trust (Ps. 56:11).

1. Trust is simple, uncomplicated. We are the ones who complicate simple child-like trust. We try to add other things to trust—Our works... our worship... our trust—We trust in our trust!
2. It will be a happy day when you realize “*God is my salvation*” and that’s enough... PERIOD! “*I will trust...*”

### B. **The SALVATION of God**. The theme of Isaiah’s song is salvation (vs. 2-3). God’s people sing about the Lord and being saved! People sing about someone they love... something they like... something they look forward to... something that happened in their life. What people sing about will tell you a lot about their character!

1. Isaiah does not say God provides salvation, but that HE IS SALVATION. Salvation is not in a church, ritual, good works, or religious program. Salvation is by trusting in a PERSON —“*Salvation is of the Lord*” (Jonah 2:9).
2. “...*the LORD JEHOVAH*”—The personal name for God, rendered “**LORD**” or “**GOD**” (all caps) in a King James Bible. It is spelled out “**JEHOVAH**” in Exodus 6:3; Psalms 83:18; Isaiah 12:2; 26:4. It is abbreviated “**JAH**” in Psalms 68:4.

➤ In Hebrew it looks like this (Hebrew reads right to left):

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- It consists of four Hebrew letters “Yod” (or “Jod”)... “He”... “Vau”... and “He” [i.e. “JHVH”]. These Hebrew letters are seen in the headings of the stanzas in Psalm 119: *JOD* (v. 73); *HE* (before v. 33); *VAU* (v. 41); *HE* (v. 33).
- The word is unpronounceable unless Hebrew vowel points are added (E, O, A). The nearest anyone can get to an English pronunciation is “*JE-HO-V-AH*” [“the self existent one”]
- ➔ See Ex. 3:13-15. Instead of translating the Hebrew word “Jehovah” the translators gave us the meaning of the word —“*I AM THAT I AM.*”

C. **The SONG we sing.** When we know God is our strength, and not ourselves, we’ll sing! It doesn’t matter what the circumstances are! He is our song!

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Like Gene Kelly, “*Singing in the Rain!*” It was pouring down rain and he was soaking wet, but it didn’t matter because he was in love. This should be our attitude— It can be pouring down rain and we can be soakin’ wet, but it doesn’t matter when we know God has become our salvation and our strength!

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1. Isaiah is singing the same song the children of Israel sang after God deliver them from the bondage of Egypt at the Red Sea (Ex. 15:2). They were weak, but it didn’t matter! God is strong and would deliver them—“*If God is for us, who can be against us?*” (Rom. 8:31).
2. Israel will sing the Song of Moses again “*in that day*” when they are delivered from the antichrist after the tribulation!

D. **The SUPPLY we have** (v. 3).

1. Just as trusting God puts an end to fear (v. 2a), so also God has puts an end to all want by providing “*the wells of salvation*” [plural] (v. 3).
2. Drawing water from a deep well is not normally considered a “joy.” Usually it is a laborious chore. But these are not ordinary wells.

3. They are called “wells” because they provide limitless blessings the people of God. Blessings of assurance, peace, rest, comfort, happiness, purpose, vision, security, fruitfulness, and trust. These are “*the wells of salvation*” Let us draw from them and rejoice.

## II. The **PUBLICATION / PROCLAMATION of the song** (vs. 4-5).

➡ A person who has experienced God’s great salvation cannot stay quiet about it.

- A. Our **OBLIGATION** to tell—We should tell others what the Lord has done for us (Ps. 66:16; Mk. 5:19).

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ILLUS: When a bee-keeper wants to capture a beehive, he first catches a single bee. He puts the bee in a box with a piece of honeycomb. After the bee has well fed, he releases the bee. Soon the bee returns to the box containing the honeycomb. Only this time the bee brings several of his “buddies” with it. They feast on the honeycomb, then leave, and return with many more companions. In time, the bee-keeper has a good number of bees to start a hive.

This is how we should act. If you have found mercy, you ought to praise God and tell others, so they may believe, and in turn lead others to Jesus. Psalm 34:8—“*O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.*”

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- D.T. Niles said, “A soul winner is just one beggar telling another beggar where he can find bread.” (2 Kings 7:9-10; John 1:41, 45; 4:29).

- B. The **OBJECTIVE** of our singing (v. 5). When we sing, we are not singing unto the congregation— We “*sing UNTO THE LORD.*”

- “*this shall be known in all the earth*”—In the Kingdom.

## III. The **PASSION of the singing** (v. 6).

- A. **EXUBERANCE** in singing—“*Cry out and shout...*” Ecstatic.

➡ In the millennial kingdom Israel—redeemed, regenerated, and restored to their homeland—will sing! And, they will sing with

exuberance! The sobs and anguish of centuries will be swept away in song. They will rejoice because their enemy is gone. The beast and the false prophet will be cast in the lake of fire. The devil will be chained in the bottomless pit. The Lord will be enthroned in Jerusalem. WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE.

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I think of the Mouk Tribe in Papua New Guinea when they received Christ (*EE-TAOW* video). The entire tribe erupted into ecstatic, unreserved joy and shouting! Would anyone dare tell them, “Now restrain yourselves; don’t get so emotional!”

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**B. EXALTATION** in singing.

1. Exalted in His purity—“...*great is the Holy One*” (cf. Acts 3:14).
2. Exalted in His position—“*in the midst of thee.*” (Cf. Zeph. 3:14-17; Zech. 2:10-11).

**SUMMATION:** JOSEPH PARKER: “The singing of the Church should be loud, joyous, and sweet; all instruments should accompany it: now the clash of bells, now the blare of trumpets, now the lilt of lutes, and now the throb of drums; strong men, gentle women, merry children should unite their voices in one glad burst of religious joy. Thank God for music. That will unite the Church when theology will divide it.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Parker, Joseph. *Isaiah (The People's Bible Book 17)* (Kindle Locations 2600-2609). Pioneer Library. Kindle Edition.