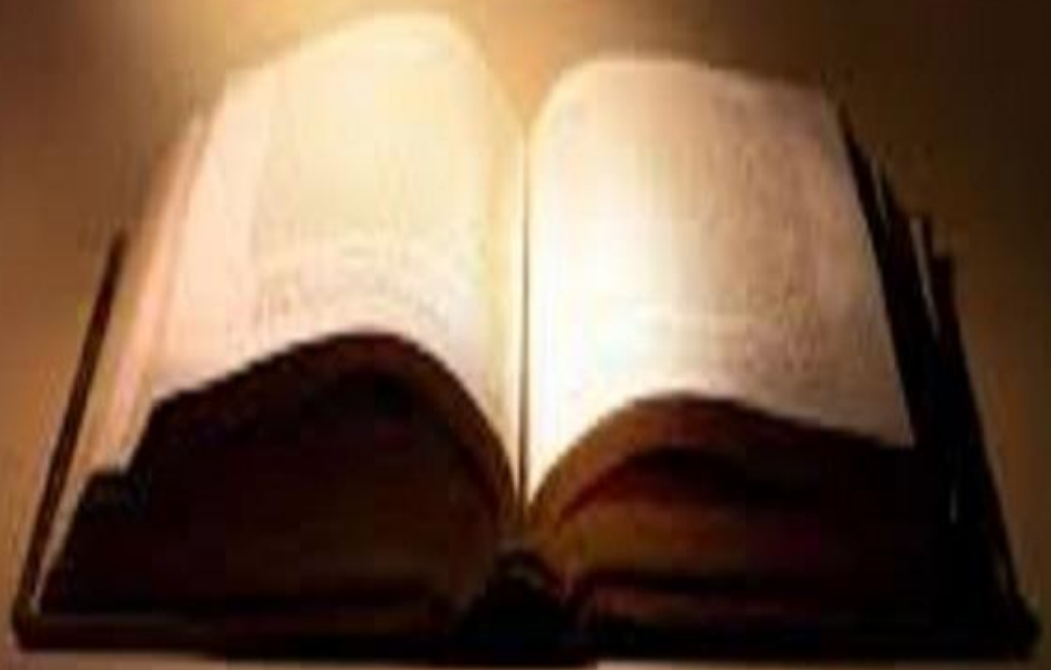


A Time of Celebration

Isaiah 12:1-6



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Forward

The song of praise in this chapter is suitable for the return of the outcasts of Israel from their long captivity, but it is especially suitable to the case of a sinner, when he first finds peace and joy in believing; to that of a believer, when his peace is renewed after corrections for backslidings; and to that of the whole company of the redeemed, when they meet before the throne of God in heaven.

The promise is sure, and the blessings contained in it are very rich; and the benefits enjoyed through Jesus Christ, call for the most enlarged thanksgivings. By Jesus Christ, the Root of Jesse, the Divine anger against mankind was turned away, for he is our Peace.

This salvation is from the love of God the Father, it comes to us through God the Son, and it is applied by the new-creating power of God the Spirit. When this is seen by faith, the trembling sinner learns to hope in God, and is delivered from fear. The purifying and sanctifying influences of the Holy Ghost often are denoted under the emblem of springing water.

This work flows through the mediation of Christ, and is conveyed to our souls by means of God's ordinances. Believers encourage one another to praise God, and seek to draw others to join them in it.

Chapter 1



Isaiah 12:1

And in that day thou shalt say, I will give thanks unto thee, O Jehovah; for though thou was angry with me, thine anger is turned away and thou does now comfort me.

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Just as Miriam, after the deliverance of the Red Sea

Isaiah 11:16

And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came

up out of the land of Egypt. Crossing the Red Sea was celebrated with an ode of praise Exodus 15-19

God is the king of nations

Revelation 15:3

and sang the song of God's servant Moses and of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

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Exodus 14:27

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea.

God showed his almighty power, by opening a passage through the waters, some miles over. God can bring his people through the greatest difficulties, and force a way where he does not find it. It was an instance of his wonderful favor to his Israel. They went through the sea, they walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea. This was done, in order to encourage God's people in all ages to trust him in the greatest straits.

Numbers 21:17

Then Israel sang this song: "Spring up, O well! Sing about it.

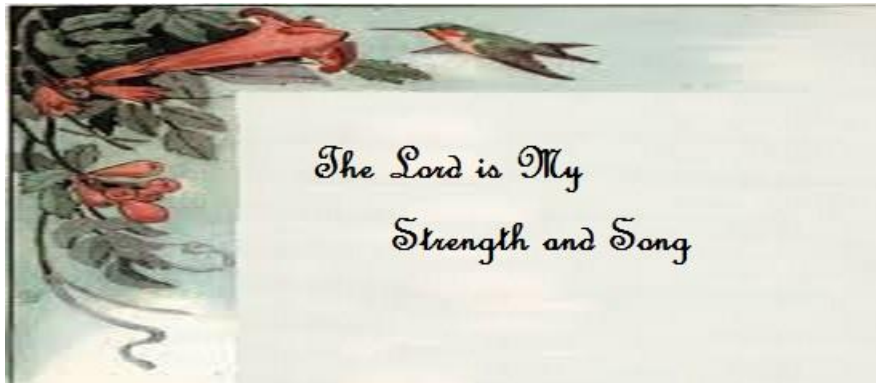
The wonderful success God granted to his people, is here spoken of, and, among the rest, their actions on the river Arnon, at Vaheb in Suphah, and other places on that river. In every stage of our lives, nay, in every step, we should notice what God has wrought for us; what he did at such a time, and what in such a place, ought to be distinctly remembered. God blessed his people with a supply of water.

2 Samuel 22:1

David sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

They that trust God in the way of duty, shall find him a present help in their greatest dangers: David did so. Remarkable preservations should be particularly mentioned in our praises. We shall never be delivered from all enemies till we get to heaven. God will preserve all his people, 2Ti 4:18.

Chapter 2



Isaiah 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.

As the Jew was reminded by the feast tabernacles of his wanderings in tents in the wilderness, so the Jew-Gentile Church to come shall call to mind with thanksgiving the various past ways that God has brought them to the heavenly city of habitation.

The purifying and sanctifying influences of the Holy Ghost often are denoted under the emblem of springing water. This work flows through the mediation of Christ, and is conveyed to our souls by means of God's ordinances. Blessed be God, we have wells of salvation opened on every side, and may draw from them the waters of life and consolation.

God is my salvation

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

The Lord, who is the believer's light, is the strength of his life; not only by whom, but in whom he lives and moves. In God let us strengthen ourselves. The gracious presence of God, his power, his promise, his readiness to hear prayer, the witness of his Spirit in the hearts of his people; these are the secret of his tabernacle, and in these the saints find cause for that holy security and peace of mind in which they dwell at ease.

The Lord is my Savior

Psalm 38:22

Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

If we are truly penitent for sin, that will make us patient under affliction. Nothing goes nearer to the heart of a believer when in affliction, than to be under the apprehension of God's deserting him; nor does anything come more feelingly from his heart than this prayer, "Be not far from me." The Lord will hasten to help those who trust in him as their salvation.

The Lord perfects confidence and trust

Isaiah 26:4

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength:

Whatever we trust to the world for, it will last only for a moment; but those who trust in God shall not only find in him, but shall receive from him, strength that will carry them to that blessedness which is forever.

The Lord is my strength

Exodus 15:2

The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him a habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Holiness to the Lord is in every part of it. It may be considered as typical, and prophetic of the final destruction of the enemies of the church. Happy the people whose God is the Lord.

God led them to the city of habitation

Psalm 107:7

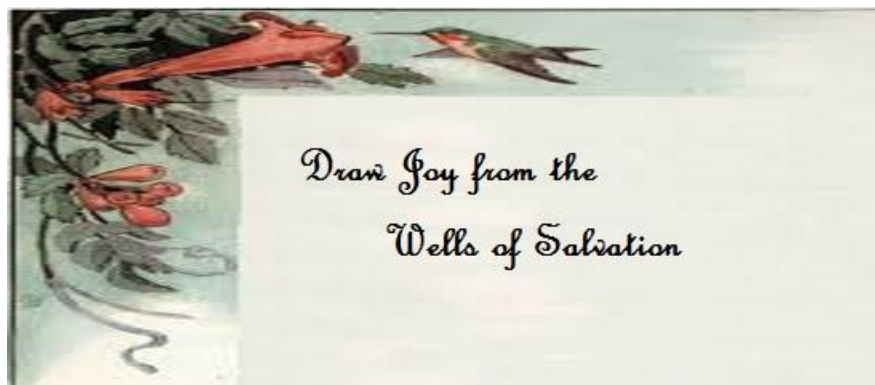
And he led them forth by the right way that they might go to a city of habitation.

It is scarcely possible to conceive the horrors suffered by the hapless traveler, when crossing the trackless sands, exposed to the burning rays of the sun.

The words describe their case whom the Lord has redeemed from the bondage of Satan; who pass through the world as a dangerous and dreary wilderness, often ready to faint through troubles, fears, and temptations.

Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, after God, and communion with him, shall be filled with the goodness of his house, both in grace and glory.

Chapter 3



Isaiah 12: 3

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

This is an expressive image in a hot country. On the last day of feast of the tabernacles, the Jews brought water in a golden pitcher from the foundation of Siloam, and poured it mingled with wine, on the sacrifice on the altar with great rejoicing. This is the allusion in Jesus words on the last day of the feast.

With joy shall ye draw water. The prophet interrupts the song to give a comforting promise. The "salvation" granted to the Church shall be as an inexhaustible well, from which all comers may draw continually.

Jesus offers Living Water

John 4:10

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

Christ asked a woman for water. She was surprised because he did not show the anger of his own nation against the Samaritans. Moderate men

of all sides are men wondered at. Christ took the occasion to teach her Divine things:

He converted this woman, by showing her ignorance and sinfulness, and her need of a Saviour. By this living water is meant the Spirit.

Under this comparison the blessing of the Messiah had been promised in the Old Testament.

A well of water spring up to everlasting life

John 4:14

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

The wells of salvation, or "fountains"; as all the three Persons are; Jehovah the Father, as he is called "the fountain of living water",

The people had hewed out broken cisterns.

Jeremiah 2:13

For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

The fountain of salvation; it springs from him, from his everlasting love, his eternal purposes, his infinite wisdom, his sure and unalterable covenant, his free grace in the mission of his Son; and he himself is the God of grace, from whence it all comes, and every supply of it.

The Spirit and his grace are called a "well of living water"

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Jesus is a well of salvation; it is he that convinces men of their need of it, that brings near this salvation to them, and shows them their interest in it, and bears witness to it, and is the earnest and pledge of it; and he is the author of all that grace which makes them meet for it, and from whom are all the supplies of it by the way.

But more especially Christ is the "Fountain of gardens, and well of living water"

Chapter 4



Isaiah 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.

Believers encourage one another to praise God, and seek to draw others to join them in it. No difference of opinions about the times and seasons, and other such matters, ought to divide the hearts of Christians. Let it be our care that we may be placed amongst those to whom he will say, Come, ye blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

Psalm 105:1

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Our devotion is here stirred up, that we may stir up ourselves to praise God. Seek his strength; that is, his grace; the strength of his Spirit to work in us that which is good, which we cannot do but by strength derived from him, for which he will be sought.

Psalm 148:13

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Even in this world, dark and bad as it is, God is praised. The powers of nature, be they ever so strong, so stormy, do what God appoints them, and no more.

Isaiah 24:15

Therefore in the east give glory to the LORD; exalt the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, in the islands of the sea.

The Lord knows those that are his; the world does not. When the mirth of carnal worldlings ceases, the joy of the saints is as lively as ever, because the covenant of grace, the fountain of their comforts, and the foundation of their hopes, never fails.

Isaiah 26:8

Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.

Though we come ever so early, we shall find God ready to receive us. The intention of afflictions is to teach righteousness: blessed is the man whom the Lord thus teaches.

Isaiah 42:12

Let them give glory to the LORD and proclaim his praise in the islands.

When the Gentiles are brought into the church, he is glorified in them and by them. Let us give to God those things which are his, taking heed that we do not serve the creature more than the Creator.

Chapter 5



Isaiah 12:5

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

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We shall never be delivered from all enemies till we get to heaven. God will preserve all his people. Those who receive signal mercies from God, ought to give him the glory. In the day that God delivered David, he sang this song. While the mercy is fresh, and we are most affected with it, let the thank-offering be brought, to be kindled with the fire of that affection.

Nehemiah 9:11

You divided the sea before them, so that they passed through it on dry ground, but you hurled their pursuers into the depths, like a stone into mighty waters.

The dealings of the Lord showed his goodness and long-suffering, and the hardness of their hearts. The testimony of the prophets was the testimony of the Spirit in the prophets, and it was the Spirit of Christ in them. They spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, and what they said is to be received accordingly. The result was, wonder at the Lord's mercies, and the feeling that sin had brought them to their present state, from which nothing but unmerited love could rescue them.

Psalms 32:7

you are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Although repentance and confession do not merit the pardon of transgression, they are needful to the real enjoyment of forgiving mercy.

And what tongue can tell the happiness of that hour, when the soul, oppressed by sin, is enabled freely to pour forth its sorrows before God, and to take hold of his covenanted mercy in Christ Jesus!

Psalm 105:43

He brought out his people with rejoicing, his chosen ones with shouts of joy;

He satisfies our souls with the bread of heaven, and the water of life from the Rock of salvation, and will bring us safely to heaven. He redeems his servants from all iniquity, and purifies them unto himself, to be a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Chapter 6



Isaiah 12:6

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

Blessed be God, we have wells of salvation opened on every side, and may draw from them the waters of life and consolation. In the second part of this gospel song. Believers encourage one another to praise God, and seek to draw others to join them in it.

Psalm 99:2

Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

The inhabitants of the earth have cause to tremble, but the Redeemer still waits to be gracious. Let all who hear, take warning, and seek his mercy. The more we humble ourselves before God, the more we exalt him; and let us be thus reverent, for he is holy.

Isaiah 24:14

They raise their voices, they shout for joy; from the west they acclaim the LORD's majesty.

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When the mirth of carnal worldlings ceases, the joy of the saints is as lively as ever, because the covenant of grace, the fountain of their comforts, and the foundation of their hopes, never fails. Those who rejoice in the Lord can rejoice in tribulation, and by faith may triumph when all about them are in tears.

Isaiah 52:9

Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, and he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The price paid by the Redeemer for our salvation, was not silver or gold, or corruptible things, but his own precious blood. Considering the freeness of this salvation, and how hurtful to temporal comfort sins are, we shall more value the redemption which is in Christ.

Jeremiah 10:6

No one is like you, LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power.

Let us stand in awe, and not dare provoke God, by giving that glory to another which is due to him alone. He is ready to forgive, and save all who repent and believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ. Faith learns these blessed truths from the word of God; but all knowledge not from that source, leads to doctrines of vanity.

Zephaniah 3:15

The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.

What makes a people holy, will make them happy. The precious promises made to the purified people, were to have full accomplishment in the gospel. These verses appear chiefly to relate to the future conversion and restoration of Israel, and the glorious times which are to

follow. They show the abundant peace, comfort, and prosperity of the church, in the happy times yet to come.

To ask Jesus to come into your heart please pray this Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

I ask you to forgive me of my sins and coming into my heart. I

accept you as savior and will follow you as Lord. Amen.

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