



Heaven's Anthem Isaiah 12

*You will say in that day:
"I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.*

Isa 12.1

The Point: God keeps his promises; the new heaven and earth await.

The Question: What does this mean for me?

Stanza 1 The cross. Isa 12.1

Stanza 2 The empty tomb. Isa 12.2

Stanza 3 The Holy Spirit. Isa 12.3

Stanza 4 The stories around the hearths. Isa 12.4

The Refrain. Isa 12.5-6

When we all get to heaven—what a day of rejoicing that will be! The start of a new and eternal life. Few of us will meet Jesus in the air. Most of the saints will accompany him from heaven.

"You will say in that Day." What day? Isaiah 11.1 tells us: When God extends his hand and calls Israel home. Isaiah 12 follows the second coming and the establishment of the Kingdom on the new earth. God with us. Looking through the lens of the new creation, I see and hear an anthem of heaven answering the question, "how did I get to this place."

Stanza 1 The cross. Isa 12.1 All have sinned, from the first couple to everyone living to an age of accountability. When a child knows to distinguish right from wrong and rebels, he or she becomes a sinner needing forgiveness. In Isaiah 12.1, I see an outline of the cross of Jesus. God hates sin, but these saints in "heaven" sing about God comforting them. Romans 3.24 and Hebrews 3.24-26 tell us about how God solves his wrath for sin. He was angry, and the crucifixion of Jesus turned his wrath. Propitiation is a sacrifice that turns away wrath.

Stanza 2 The empty tomb. In this verse, I am reminded of a borrowed tomb briefly occupied and emptied for 1988 years. We are saved from sin by Jesus' death and granted release from the grave. 1 Cor 15.20-21 We rise because he has risen! Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Stanza 3 The Holy Spirit is clearly seen Isa 12.3. He makes us alive and gives us assurance and Joy. Jesus promised a fountain of living water, and John tells us this living water is the promised Holy Spirit John 7.37-39. A sweet, sweet Spirit.

Stanza 4 The stories around the hearths, Isaiah 12.4. While we walk this road of physical life, we tell the story of Jesus. In the new creation, we will tell and hear stories of the wonderful grace of Jesus.

We will sing **the refrain** in the New Jerusalem, Isaiah 12.5-6. Everybody will be happy over there.