

## We Are Fellowship Life Bible Study



**Book:** Isaiah

Chapter 12: A Hymn of Praise

**v:1 And in that day you will say: "O Lord, I will praise You; though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. (Reference to Is 2:11)**

Reference to Isaiah 2:11 says, **"The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day."** God's word and the prophecies are coming to pass where the anger of the Lord and His righteousness have restored justice. The anger is turned away, and the remnant remain to receive the comfort of the Lord.

**v:2 Behold, God *is* my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the Lord, *is* my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.'**" (Reference to Ps 83:18; Ex 15:2; Ps 118:14)

The remnant of Judah and Jerusalem have experienced war, slavery, punishment, hunger, and famine, witnessed death and destruction of nations, and now, a time for peace. Now there is a time for rest. Now, as said in the last chapter, not even beasts of the land will ignite fear as a new covenant of peace is established.

**v:3 Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.** (Reference to John 4:10, 14; John 7:37, 38)

With Joy, all who drink from this well will be saved. Reference to John 4 brings us to the discussion Jesus had approximately 700 years later with the Samaritan woman at the well. John 7:37,38 says, **"On the last day, that great day of the fest, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38He who believes in Me as the Scripture has said (He Is the Scripture), out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."** Living water is not stagnant, it moves, it cleanses, it restores and, in this case, doesn't dry up. There is no end to our salvation once we receive it.

**v:4 And in that day you will say: "Praise the Lord, call upon His name; declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted.** (Reference to 1 Chr 16:8 Ps 34:3; Ps 105:1; Ps 145:4-6)

In the day that we are saved, we are also like that living well that springs up. We want to share the good news with others. We want to tell people about what God has done in our lives. When the Samaritan woman at the well encountered Jesus, the first thing she did was run off and tell people about a man who knew her soul, not her physical body. She told them that the Christ has come. This prophetic verse talks about how our own life changing experience (because we were once dead, and now we are alive) causes us to rejoice, to wear His name as a banner and to exalt His name. If we go back to the end of Chapter 11, we have the remnant again crossing on dry land as they initially did when fleeing Egypt. The first thing they did after crossing the Red Sea, was sing the first recorded instance of praise and worship in the Bible. This is the rejoicing only God can stir up inside of us. This rejoicing doesn't carry the weight or burden of borrowed glory or temporary relief.

**v:5 Sing to the Lord, for He has done excellent things; this *is* known in all the earth.** (Reference to Ex 15:1; Ps 98:1; Is 24:14; Is 42:10, 11; 44:23)

This singing is a mirror of Exodus that says, **"Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and spoke, saying: "I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea! The LORD is my strength and my song, And He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him.** These things are written. It says this is known in all the earth. We read today what God did thousands of years ago. That was when they were restricted to word of mouth, drawings, parchment paper or papyrus and tablets of stone. Consider how the work of God is easily accessible and known in the earth to those who search Him.

**v:6 Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"** (Reference to Is 52:9; Is 54:1; Zeph 3:14, 15; Ps 89:18)

The word used for inhabitant in this verse refers to the Church. We, as the church, are instructed to cry out and shout, not because we are in anguish, but in rejoicing for the LORD is in this place!