

Isaiah

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Isaiah 25

Lesson Twenty-Seven

Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex Curriculum

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We sing, “Oh God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you...I will seek you in the morning and I will learn to walk in your ways, and step by step you’ll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.”

Our Scripture for today begins, “O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name...” Read Psalm 118:28. This interlude of praise, with one brief interruption, goes all the way to Isaiah 27:1. Isaiah is not just a prophet of doom as our last few lessons may lead us to believe. Just listen: Read Isaiah 25:1-8.

To get a more complete picture of what Isaiah sees here we need to remember that in the last verse of chapter 24, he said, “...for the Lord Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders, gloriously.” This King is worthy of praise. This song of worship recognized God and being far beyond humans. He is praised as one who destroys enemies of God’s people. The cities mentioned here represent nations that have been destroyed.

God loves and cares for those who can’t take care of themselves. Specifically Isaiah mentions the poor, those who are homeless (to be sheltered from the storm and the heat) and He protects the helpless from ruthless, or cruel, people. The cruel people who take advantage of the poor will be destroyed...silenced.

Verse six says that there will be a banquet on Mt. Zion, or Jerusalem. This takes us back to chapter 24, verse 23. When Jesus returns to the earth, some time in the future, He will reign on earth as the King of everything. This time of God’s reign on earth is sometimes called the Millennium. This King is preparing a wonderful feast of delicious foods and of the best wine. And, He will be inviting all people. This would mean to the Jews who were hearing this prophecy that God would welcome many more people than Jews.

Verse seven speaks of God removing what is a thick veil of spiritual blindness. The words “swallow up” give the idea of complete disposal. The veil will be there no more. In I Corinthians 13:12, Paul said that there was a time coming when we would no longer see through a glass darkly, but we will then see face to face...the veil is gone.

Next Isaiah says that God will “swallow up death.” There are several interpretations of this phrase, but the simplest is that in the new world, there will be no more dying. This agrees with Paul’s teaching in I Corinthians 15:42, that in the life after death, we will have an “imperishable body.”

And, there will be no more tears. See Rev 7:17; 21:4. There will be nothing to cry about. When God “wipes away all tears,” He will remove the causes of suffering and sorrow. When we, as Paul said in I Corinthians 13:12, know as we are fully known, we will understand all the things that would make us weep.

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The next thing that Isaiah promised was that the reproach or disgrace of his people would be removed. This most likely means that Judah, God's people, would no longer be look down upon by those who wanted to humiliate them. There will be no one on earth who will dare attack the people of God.

And, just in case there is any question, Isaiah said, "The Lord has spoken." That settles it.

Read Isaiah 25:9. When the people recognize God's chosen One, they will "be glad and rejoice." This is always true. Anyone who by faith accepts Jesus as Lord will celebrate!

Just why this interruption of the praise song, the destruction of Moab, is here is not clear. Numerous attempts have been made to explain this. Maybe Isaiah thought back to what God said in chapter fifteen, and wrote down his feelings. Read Isaiah 25:10-12. He was telling folks about the blessing of God on Jerusalem, telling them that Jerusalem would not be humiliated again. He knew that Moab would join Babylon in looting Jerusalem after Nebuchadnezzar conquered it in 586 BC. As Judah's enemies, with no respect for God, they would be destroyed. This can also be applied to those who attack the church in our day. When Jesus returns and rules over all the earth, Christians will be honored, and no longer the victim of non-Christians.

Then Isaiah draws another picture which is really graphic...an ugly picture. It shows the people of Moab thrown into a pit which is like a sewer. They can't swim out.

This is a contrast showing what happen on the West side of the Jordan, Jerusalem will become the center of the world. But on the East side of the Jordan River, Moab would be destroyed. Even their great defensive walls would be ground into dust.

This contrast shows what will happen to the people of the world at the end of time. Some, those who accept Jesus as their Savior, would become part of the new Kingdom ruled over by Jesus. Others, who do not believe, would be condemned to a terrible place where there is no hope. Since Isaiah is speaking of the end of the world, this makes sense.

*Underlined words and phrases are to be used in completing the Student Worksheet.

Scripture Memory: "O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago." Isaiah 25:1

Lesson Goal: To share with students some of Isaiah's prophesy about the end of time.

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Student Worksheet

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As the teacher goes through the lesson, listen for answers to these:

1. Who does God care for, and how does He help them?
2. Who will be invited to the King's feast?
3. What four things will God do as revealed in verses seven and eight?
4. What does the contrast of Jerusalem and Moab show about what will happen at the end of the world?

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How to begin a Personal Relationship with God:

First, believe that the God of the Bible is the true God.

Second, believe that Jesus, God's Son, was sent to earth to die so that you can have a relationship with God.

Third, ask God to forgive your sins in Jesus' name. Jesus' death on the cross paid the price of every sin you commit.

Fourth, ask Jesus to be your Savior and the Lord of your life.