

## **“In the Day of Salvation”**

### **Isaiah 25:1-12**

**Context:** Isaiah 24 mirrors Revelation, chapters 4-19, particularly with the prophecy of general devastation interspersed with the remnant’s praise of God. As we continue in “Isaiah’s Apocalypse,” we come to a chapter that parallels Revelation chapter 20. In today’s study, the Messiah described in the “Immanuel Chapters” is viewed from the remnant’s deliverance in the Day of the Lord. It is a song of praise for God’s judgment of an ungodly city - perhaps Babylon- and again symbolizes the ungodly world system. His final judgment of the scoffers and ‘recycling of the earth,’ found in chapter 27, flows into the emancipation of those preserved by “the tested stone of Zion,” Jesus Christ, in chapter 28. **Life Principle:** To cause yourself to cooperate with the Spirit’s sanctifying work today is to participate in the salvation whose completion you eagerly await in the future (Isaiah 25:9).

#### **1. In that day: exaltation – Isaiah 25:1a**

Isaiah thanks and lifts up YHWH GOD as his God. He gives three reasons why God’s character is a cause for voicing His name in praise.

#### **2. In that day: deliverance – Isaiah 25:1b-5**

First, the remnant can ground their faith in the faithful salvation of God, as promised in times past and circumstances improbable. Second, God causes the improbable yet utter fall of ancient Babylon in the past. This provides a symbol of God’s overthrow of those living by the spiritually alienated principles of the world power (Babylon) in the future. Third, God provided shelter to those helplessly exposed to life-draining oppression, symbolized by heat, and ended their tumult, symbolized by storm.

#### **3. In that day: joy – Isaiah 25:6-12; Deuteronomy 23:3-4**

Salvation brings thorough satisfaction, symbolized by an exquisite middle-eastern feast. The remnant from every nation is invited to the new Mount Zion to participate. They are once and for all delivered from their cursed enemy, death. Their enemy, represented by a taunting, arrogant, unbelieving Moab, is punished, as depicted by the disgraceful drowning in a cesspool of fecal decay.

#### **Study questions:**

- We believe that God foreknew humanity’s rebellion against Him and that God decreed a plan for humanity’s redemption before the creation of the seen and unseen world (see footnote 2 **‘On Salvation’** in our **doctrinal statement** under **what we believe** at [www.gracepointfellowship.org](http://www.gracepointfellowship.org)). What did He redeem you to be (see Ephesians 1:4ff)? What does that have to do with the work of the Holy Spirit (hint: Ephesians 1:13-14; 3:16ff; John 14:26)? How is God faithful in His plan (Philippians 1:6ff)?
  
- Study the fall of Babylon after the deportation of the Jewish people from Judah and the fall of Babylon in John’s apocalypse (cf. Daniel 5:22ff; Revelation 18:2-21ff). What do they have in common? How do they rightly bear Isaiah’s label, “place of aliens,” in Isaiah 25:2? What do the saints have in common in these scenes (see Isaiah 25:3a; Revelation 18:20)?
  
- Compare Isaiah 25:6-12 with Luke 14:16ff; Revelation 19:7-9; 21:3-4; Isaiah 39:10; and 1 Corinthians 15:54ff. Do you find hope in these passages? Why or why not? Study these passages and ask the Lord to bring someone across your path that you can encourage with the hope spoken of here.

#### **Transformation exercise:**

“Cause yourself to be” in the presence of the Lord by praying through Isaiah 25 each morning and meditating on whatever jumps out at you. “Cause yourself to be” a witness to His character by choosing your words wisely through the day. “Cause yourself to” change habits of sin by asking the Spirit to bring areas of change before God each night for confession.