

## Hosanna to Our Lord

*Isa 12 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. <sup>2</sup> 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.'" <sup>3</sup> Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> Sing to the Lord, for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup> Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"*

I find this passage to be most fitting for a Palm Sunday message when we remember how the people took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!" For although our Lord came lowly and sitting upon a donkey He is worthy of our greatest praise, for He came in great humility that He might redeem a people unto Himself. In Isaiah 12 we have a glorious song of our salvation. It will speak of 1. The reality of the joy of God's people. 2. The reason for our joy, and finally 3. the result of our joy.

### A. The reality of the Joy of God's people.

1. It is founded upon their acknowledgment of their guilt and sinfulness.
2. It begins with the fact that God is justly angry with us. - - *O Lord, I will praise You; though You were angry with me,*
  - a. Children of wrath because by nature we were angry against God - *Eph 2:3 and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.*
  - b. It is good and proper for us to acknowledge that we do not deserve this comfort we now have in Christ.
  - c. Thus we must cry out, hosanna, that is we beseech You O God save us.
3. It is mercy alone that has removed the anger.
  - a. We must ever be mindful that our punishment is removed not because we have paid the price that the justice of God required.
  - b. We do not receive what we deserve because He has removed our sin and guilt upon the cross
4. Here we see the very basis of our salvation - *Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid*
  - a. God is our salvation, our Savior
    - (1) Once again we see clearly our Lord Jesus Christ in the book of Isaiah
    - (2) For It is truly God who **is our salvation**
    - (3) It is Christ who has taken our sin upon Himself and provided a covering for our sin.
    - (4) It is His perfect obedience imputed to us that can provide salvation.
  - b. Therefore it is only after one places their trust in God as their salvation that fear can be remove.
    - (1) The guilt of sin brought certain fear upon us.
    - (2) God is angry with the sinner every day

*Ps 7:11 God is a just judge, and God is angry with the wicked every day.*

- c. But it is only after one acknowledges their sin and God's right to be angry with them that one can find this comfort. - *I will trust and not be afraid*

5. We will trust - Have full confidence that He who has begun a good work in us will continue - *Phil 1:5-7 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;*

B. The reason for our joy. - *For Yah, the Lord, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.*

1. Our salvation is a proclamation of the strength of our God -
2. It is God's strength not ours that brings us a song of praise.

Calvin - There are none who sincerely and heartily sing the praises of God, but those who, convinced of their weakness, seek to obtain strength from God alone in answer to prayer.

3. The end result is a song whose purpose is to glorify God alone. - *He is our song*
4. Therefore in a dry and thirsty land we draw water from the wells of God's salvation. - *Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*
  - a. This is not rivers of water for they can dry up in a desert area.
  - b. But wells of water - a never ending source. (Woman at the well - Jn 4:14)
  - c. As we have lived in the desert of sin God opens rivers in a dry and thirsty land. (Psalm 143:6)

*Isa 41:18 18 I will open rivers in desolate heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.*

d. Water from a rock - Christ was that rock.

C. Result of our joy - *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. Sing to the Lord, for He has done excellent things.*

1. God's people will be a people of praise.
2. The subject of their songs will be God glory.
  - a. They will declare His deeds among the people
  - b. Exalt His name
  - c. They will not be man centered but God centered
3. Because He has done excellent things.
  - a. He has redeemed us
  - b. He has provided forgiveness and a covering for our sin.
  - c. He has provided for us a righteousness.

**CONCLUSION:** The greatness of God will be the message of the faithful church throughout the whole earth. - *This is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"*

Let us learn to sing with an exuberance of the greatness and goodness of our God.

Ever mindful that where two or three are gathered in His name He has promised to be in their midst. (Matt 18:20)

Truly Great is the Holy One of Israel in our midst this morning.