

“God Saves” - Isaiah 25:1-10a

Ask - “What are some things that have been done away with in our lifetimes?”

Background - Isaiah is regarded as one of the most poetic and beautifully written books of the Bible. His prophecy is a work of literary art which suggests that he was very well-educated. Sometimes his style can be difficult to understand, but it is masterfully crafted and a delight to read.

“A Song of Thanksgiving” - Isaiah 25:1-3

(v1) What are some of the wonders that Isaiah might have been referring to when he wrote this verse? What are some wonders you could thank God for?

(v2) Name some cities in scripture that God destroyed. Can you think of any that were adversaries to Israel (“palaces of strangers”)? Look at the book of Nahum.

(v3) How should people respond - both believers and ruthless pagans - to God’s sovereign authority and power over nations and cities?

GOD HAS BEEN FAITHFUL AND WORKED WONDERS ON ISRAEL’S BEHALF. HE HAS DESTROYED THE CITIES OF HER ENEMIES. THE NATIONS HAVE SEEN HIS POWER AND SHOWN HIM DUE RESPECT.

“Reasons for Thanksgiving” - Isaiah 25:4-5

(v4) What are some things that Isaiah gives the LORD thanks for? Can you provide some specific examples of each?

(v4c-5) List and discuss the 3 “like” analogies written in these verses. Explain each of them.

GOD HAS DEFENDED THE HELPLESS AND NEEDY. HE HAS PROTECTED ISRAEL AND SAVED HER FROM THE HAND OF HER ADVERSARIES.

“The LORD Saves” - Isaiah 25:6-10a

(v6) What mountain is referred to in this verse (see Isaiah 24:23)? What future banquet is Isaiah prophesying of (see Revelation 19:7-9)?

(v7-8) At that time, what will God swallow up? How is the veil a picture of death? Besides abolishing death, what else will the LORD do (see Revelation 21:4)?

(v9) What will be said on that day? Is it easy to wait on God? Discuss. Ultimately, will it all be worth it?

(v10a) What is the significance of God's hand resting on something or someone?
Read and discuss 1 Peter 5:6.

GOD HIMSELF WILL HOST A GREAT BANQUET FOR THE REDEEMED. HE WILL ABOLISH DEATH FOREVER THROUGH CHRIST. AS HE HAS SAVED IN THE PAST, SO ALSO HE WILL SAVE FOR ALL ETERNITY.

Application - God reigns over the earth. His followers should worship Him joyfully and His enemies should fear Him greatly. God will someday throw a grand, heavenly banquet for regenerate believers of all nations. He will cast death into the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:14) and it will be no more. What part(s) of today's lesson stand out to you?