

"SPONTANEOUS GRATITUDE

Isaiah 25

INTRODUCTION:

Twenty-fifth is a magnificent hymn of praise.

ANTHEM of Thanksgiving from a grateful heart. Here is obvious and genuine love.

Breaks forth into rapturous song of praise. He mentions temporal mercies, divine providence, and higher blessings.

Ancient Prophet has been for the most part sad until this time when he burst forth in singing amid confessions.

Phillippi - song in the night and intervention of God took place. *Paul & Silas -*

Chapter 24 close with the moon confounded, the sun ashamed - as the High Priest on the day of atonement. Jesus, The Messiah has been revealed at last. Matt. 25:31. The Lord shall reign gloriously.

Do you have anything to praise God for?

"Praise is God's Rent" --- some need to pay up!

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I. Superior Reasons for Praise - 1-3.

Jehovah would again reign in glory on Mount Zion. The Idea 24:23, Jehovah would reign with a glory that would obscure the brightness of the sun and moon on Mt. Zion. Filled with this idea the Prophet expressed praise in joyous song.

Clear arrival of redemption by the blood of God's spotless lamb.

Verse 1 My God - I will exalt - I will Praise!

Feel sorry for these people who have a God that is dead, or on human level!

Prophet determined to praise God himself. If you are going to stir others up to praise God, must be stirred up yourself.

Those that have the Lord for their God are bound to praise him.

Praise ought to exalt Him.

Wonders - For what he has done - proof of his power - goodness - design for the glory of God and comfort of his people.

Wonderful things - creation - incarnation - redemption.

Counsels - Faithfulness and truth.

A refuge must be opposite of a storm. A refuge that (changes) with the wind is no refuge at all. It has become a part of the storm.

Those who attack (orthodox) Christianity for its ancient views of God are trying to destroy their only hope of a refuge.

If God changes with every generation, or adapted himself to the fashions of each age, or changes with every new religious philosophy, he would no longer be a refuge, he would become a part of the confusion. Islam - 99 names for God. Never knew the real God like that.

The Christian has a superior reason to rejoice in "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever!"

God is your handrail - Hold on as rail of a bridge.

Verse 2 - Power over Satan's forces - mighty ones brought down. City a heap - apply to capitols of the world.

Strangers to God's covenant will never rise again.

Defenced - well guarded - militia - not one stone left upon another - decay.

Teaching clear - here we have no continuing city. 23:10. The city of confession - pride - Babel.

Brings down to ruin all the proud building of man. Self-exaltation. Self-seeking - Looks strong, soon fall.

Powerless in themselves to give life.

Verse 3 - Those terrible against God. Fought against his interest, will be conquered. Either convinced or converted.

Those that confuse God's people will come under the terror of judgments of God.

Some who trampled God's ordinances have been changed to praise.

(Phil. 2:10-11) "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in Heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth: and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

II. Suitable Reasons for Praise - V-4-5.

Verse 4 -- Sweet the memory of deliverance.

Encouragement to hold out in times trial.

Four things of comfort.

- A. To the needy in his distress.
- B. Refuge from the storm.
- C. Shadow from the heat.
- D. Deliverance from the terrible ones (enemies).

When perils are threatening and alarming God will then appear in behalf of his people.

Refuge is protection.

Martin Luther - Reformation. The Pope trying to bring him back into the Catholic Church. He sent a cardinal to deal with Luther and buy him with gold.

Cardinal - wrote to the Pope "The fool does not love gold".

Cardinal when convinced he could not change Luther said "What do you think the Pope cares for the opinion of a German boor? The Pope's little finger is stronger than all Germany. Do you expect your prince to take up arms to defend you -- you, a wretched worm like you. I tell you NO. And where will you be then?"

Luther's reply was simple: "Where I am now. In the hands of Almighty God".

Verse 5 "Brought Law".

Depression of God's people brought to an end - finally disposed.

They sought to put an end to a witness to God. Admitting there is no God. As shown in Moscow - fast spreading over the earth.

James McConkey - Book on Prayer. Tells summer on Great Lakes - ill - sailing, only recreation. Wind died out. Prayed for hour for a breeze. Helpless. No wind. Old

fisherman rowed out and rowed him in to harbor.

His real need had been for deliverance and while God had denied the words of his petition, he provided for his need."

III. Summit Reasons Of Praise - V. 6-12.

At least 3 peak reasons - Mt. peak - Conquering death - Divine Revelation and Heavenly Feast.

Verse 6 - First Royal Feast

Marriage supper - invite friends. Matt. 22:2-12.

Heaven feast with his glorified Lord - Manna.

God will be the Host.

Wine clear - well - refined - dregs settle.

Gospel often described as Feast - Banquet. Esther 1:7.

Gen. 31:43-55 - Jacob and Laban.

Gen. 43:31-34 - Joseph was about to reveal himself in love to his brethren, and unite with them in a new bond of peace, he made a feast for them.

Luke 15:23 - Prodigal son - Testify of reconciliation - Guilty son.

Site of this feast - this mountain. Mt. Zion - city of our living God = Heavenly Jerusalem.

Guest - all people are invited.

Fat Rich in marrow - as the Hebrew word in, not only full of marrow, but picked, as it were, and culled out of the heart of marrow.

Fatted calf - Prodigal.

Verse 7 - Veil - Freed by Revelation - Darkness of ignorance - covering - hood - winked - Blind - folded.

Sit in Darkness - 2 Cor. 3:15.

"Led into all truth".

Veil rent - covering put over the face of the condemned. The whole world under condemnation of death and our Lord brought pardon.

Verse 8 - Death Conquered - Prophet looks to the day.

"Swallow" - Paul (I Cor. 15:54) declared that Jesus would be the one to fulfill this text.

Deliverance of Christ's people from death. Giving them spiritual life.

Death bed becomes scene of triumph.

Jesus dying instead of the guilty world.

Criminals given cup of poison - Jesus for every criminal in the world drank - swallowed up death.

He arose again from the dead - complete victory was gained.

He had not kept it for himself. He suffered under Pontius Pilate. This concerns you, concerns me.

If there should be a thousand hells, a thousand deaths, Christ resurrection brought the victory over death.

When Christ was offered he changed the the names "Death and Hades" - Death is called "repose and sleep".

Trophy of the resurrection - overthrown Satan let us leap for joy - let us rejoice - let us sing this hymn with Isaiah.

1 A feast with plenty.

2 Light has come.

3 Death has been swallowed up. The dead bodies of the saints will one day rise.

Tables turned - corruption of sin will be replaced by the life principle.

Children of Adam - subject to death - Phil.3:21.

"Wipe Away Tears" - Prophet speaks of the oppressor - overcomes - pitiless - has caused rivers of tears to flow from human eyes. *Past Week 3 Funerals - Stand by those that weep -*

Anguish to sweep over human hearts.

Grief banished - Lord God wipe tears from the face - those that mourn shall be comforted.

Rev. 7:17.

Rev. 21:4.

And there shall be no more sorrow, because there shall be no more death.

Tide - higher - rises - high water mark! Fulfilled. Death scenes destroyed forever.

Love to linger here - summit of Praise.

Peter - "It is good to be here" (Holy Mt.)

How does He wipe away our tears?

1. By revealing Christ on the cross and risen.
2. By showing that sin can be conquered.

Act of a Mother - wipe tears off the face.

Prophecy not yet completed 100%.

Final condition of the saved - what place is left for tears? Sins, sufferings, pain,
crying shall be no more! The Resurrection Life will be exempt.

The Lord hath spoken. God's word has gone forth - no retraction.

Verse 9 - Results of these summit reasons of Praise.

In That Day.

When these Prophecies and Promises shall have been fulfilled - those who have trusted
in him shall no longer be ashamed of their strong confidence, because it will be justified
by the event, there will be nothing but rejoicing.

Here is the beginning of the endless song of Christians around the Throne - Praising
him for the triumphs.

Centuries of shame and sorrow have been their portion, through which they have had
to await the salvation of Jehovah. Rev. 16:12.

Note this is in reference to those who have waited for his coming! I Thess. 1:10:
Tit. 2:13; I Cor. 1:7.

History is unfolding through his will, therefore, we wait for His working, expecting,
not knowing the time or impatient.

He will arise when the storm is loudest and say "Peace! Be still!"

Those that have waited and not put their confidence in unbelief will rejoice "Lo
this is our God; we have waited for him and He will save us".

The church will welcome this time in triumphant song. God receives all the Praise.

This is our God. Unspeakable joy. Here is encouragement for continuing faith.

Jesus is the way - He finds the lost prodigal. He provides the great mystery of godliness - God manifest in the flesh. He heals the broken contrite heart. He loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood and brought us a royal priesthood.

Climax of the ages - Second coming of Christ. We have waited.

"Soon may the last glad song arise
Through all the myriads of the skies,
That song of Triumph which records
That all the earth is now the Lord's".

Verse 10 - Reasons for Futher/Praise

Mt. - Spiritual Zion - Protecting hand of God is stretched out to the redeemed church.

Further proof of God's presence.

Moab - Represents enemy of the redeemed.

Bitterest of all the adversaries of the Jews. 2K. 24:2; Ezek 25:8-11.

Trodden - thrown out with straw on the hill.

Verse 11 - Hands rest upon his in Benediction.

Hands rest upon Moab to bring down.

Moab - What does this name mean today? Had a shameful origin - This is forever expressed in his shameful name.

Son by incest of Lot, the world loving righteous man. 2 Peter 2:7-8.

Moab - his very being is shame. He loves the filthiness of the flesh. He has a corresponding penalty. Reaping as he has sowed. His pleasures of filth are his true character. He goes to his own place.

Verse 12 - Moab brought down - Forts - Hopes - Dust!

Christ victory over the grave -- dust! V. 8.

Power of cross. Col. 2:15.

Pull down Satan's strong hold. 2 Cor. 10:4.

*Joseph Reformed -
where on Feb 9 7
Woman sin - Feb 27
Feet and Bathed feet years*