

TITLE AND NUMBER: 58. Give thanks to the Lord, He has done great things



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation.' With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say: 'Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.'

LOOKING FURTHER: Exodus 15:2

What does this Bible passage tell us?

As we approach the celebration of the coming of Jesus into the world as a baby, Isaiah gives a number of prophecies about the event. This particular passage is one of great celebration and excitement using the song that Moses and the Israelites sang after they had been delivered from the Egyptians when they crossed the Red Sea (Exodus 15:2). Isaiah is telling us about the coming of the Messiah who will deliver us from sin and separation from God. We can have hope for "Surely God is my salvation; I will not be afraid. The Lord is my strength and defence" (v2). God is willing to forgive us unconditionally. Certainly something to celebrate!

Whatever our circumstances, we have opportunity to worship Jesus for all He has done for us. He is someone we can get excited about and who deserves our praise. We may wish that our circumstances could be different. And we may be anxious about many things. But we can be sure that Jesus hears the cry of our hearts.

In 1 Peter 5:7 it says, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." Let's worship Jesus, trust Him, be refreshed by Him and ask Him for peace and rest for ourselves and all whom we love.

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Reflections:

- What can I thank God for today?
- Who might I celebrate Jesus with this week?
- How can I be an encouragement to those around me?
- Think about verse two: "Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid." Use these words as a prayer about a situation you are worried about at the moment.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

