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*Sunday School Lesson: June 11, 2023
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Lesson—Give Thanks¹

Text: Isaiah 12

I. Aim for Change/Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, we will...

1. UNDERSTAND that we should praise God for His mighty deeds;
2. EXPRESS a willingness to praise God; and...
3. OFFER praises to Him for His mighty deeds.

Key Verse— “*And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted*” (Isaiah 12:4, KJV).

Lesson Song of Praise and Worship: “I Just Want to Thank You Lord”

II. People Places and Times

The Prophets. God commissioned the prophets to fulfill a particular role—to be “servants of the Lord.” The prophets conveyed God’s message to men and women. They had special abilities to carry out their tasks: As interpreters, they explained God’s acts; as seers, they saw what was hidden from others; and as mouthpieces, they voiced God’s truth.

The prophets encouraged God’s faithful people regarding the future. Moses had prophesied that God would cut off His people and send them into exile (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28). Yet they received encouragement from God. Exile was not the end for them because God would restore His faithful people, and through them, He would send the Messiah (Isaiah 51:11; 54:10).

Background

Isaiah was not the only prophet who was blessed with a vision of the reign of Christ on earth. The prophet Micah was given a glimpse of that time and joyfully wrote, “Everyone will live in peace and prosperity, enjoying their own grapevines and fig trees, for there will be nothing to fear. The Lord of Heaven’s Armies has made this promise!” (Micah 4:4, NLT). Zechariah, another Old Testament seer who served in Jerusalem after the exile as both priest and prophet, also looked forward to that great day and wrote: “And the Lord will be king over all the earth. On that day there will be one Lord—his name alone will be worshiped” (Zechariah 14:9, NLT).

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(<https://directionbiblestudy.com>)

The Lesson At-A-Glance...

1. Praise the Lord (Isaiah 12:1–3)
2. Sing and Shout to the Lord (vv. 4–6)

In Depth with More Light on the Text

1. Praise the Lord (Isaiah 12:1–3)

Imagine a single day in which no one dies, no one gets sick, no war is waged, no crime is committed, every belly is full and all hearts are filled with joy and peace. In the future reign of Christ, God's people will again praise Him for the final restoration of Israel and unification of His divided and scattered church. "In that day" (12:1), the unified church of Jew and Gentile with one voice will say, "I will praise (Him)." Isaiah was so sure of the fulfillment of this promise from God that he composed this song of praise thousands of years before its future fulfillment.

He praises God for His great love, which causes God to turn away His anger toward disobedient people and instead bless them with divine favor.

2. Sing and Shout to the Lord (vv. 4–6)

In that day when Christ reigns on the earth, people will express their heartfelt gratitude for their deliverance from the defeated kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of the Son. They will express this gratitude by calling on His name, making His exploits known to the world, and proclaiming that His name is to be exalted. The Holy One's presence among His people will cause them to sing of His glorious deeds and shout for joy. What a glorious time that will be when all God's people can shout out in complete victory: "The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and he will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 11:15, NLT).

Liberating Lesson—... See Sunday School Book

Application for Activation—...

Contemplation of God's goodness to us serves two vital purposes: First, it causes us to take our minds off the things that trouble us and focus our attention on how blessed we are. Secondly, and most importantly, it brings joy and comfort to our hearts that causes us to sing and shout praises to His name.

Food for Thought and Questions for Consideration (from the Application for Activation)?

What have we learned ( Charlie Brown)?

Vocabulary-New Words

A. Salvation (Isaiah 12:2, 3) *yeshuw`ah* (Heb.)—Deliverance from distress. In the spiritual sense, to be saved from the guilt and punishment of sin.

B. Name (v. 4) *shem* (Heb.)—In biblical culture more than just identity, it communicates something of the essence, character or reputation of the person.

Daily Bible Readings For the Lesson of June 11th

MONDAY

Giving Thanks Is Good (Psalm 92:1–8)

TUESDAY

Coming into God's Presence with Thanksgiving (Psalm 95:1–7)

WEDNESDAY

Remembering God's Wonderful Works (1 Chronicles 16:8–13)

THURSDAY

Giving Thanks and Praise to God (1 Chronicles 29:10–18)

FRIDAY

Receiving God's Goodness with Thanksgiving (1 Timothy 4:1–5)

SATURDAY

Where Are the Other Nine? (Luke 17:11–19)

SUNDAY

Giving Thanks to the Lord (Isaiah 12)