

“WE HAVE WAITED FOR GOD, AND HE WILL SAVE US”

Isaiah 24-27

Introduction

- 1) God has always had His people however few they may be – *the faithful remnant*
- 2) God’s people are those who will “wait” on God to work His purposes (Isa. 30:18; 40:31; 64:4; Lam. 3:25; Psa. 27:14; 33:20; 37:7, 9, 34; 40:1; 62:1, 5; 130:5-6; Prov. 20:22; Micah 7:7)
- 3) As God’s sovereign judgment affects all on the earth, His people wait for His help and salvation

I) **God’s Judgment is Universal over All the Earth (24:1-23)**

- A) The Lord makes empty and waste the world of sinful men (vv. 1-4; cf. Genesis flood)
- B) What had wicked men done to cause God’s judgment? (v. 5)
 - 1) **Transgressed** the laws, **Changed** the ordinance, and **Broken** the everlasting covenant
- C) Divine judgment brings chaos, desolation, and bitter times to the wicked (vv. 6-13)
 - 1) Only a few are left after God’s judgment (vv. 6b, 13b) – the remnant of the faithful
 - a) The faithful will sing and glorify the Lord (vv. 14-16a), but evil men will continue to trouble the faithful (v. 16b)
 - 2) None shall escape the fearful judgment of God (vv. 17-20; Heb. 10:31)
- D) “In that day” the Lord will reign sovereign over all on Mount Zion (vv. 21-23; cf. 1 Pet. 3:22)

II) **Four Songs of Praise to the Lord (25:1 – 26:21)**

- A) **Praise for the Name of the Lord (25:1-5)**
 - 1) Praise for His wonderful deeds and faithful counsel
 - 2) Brings down the mighty and upholds the weak
- B) **A Feast and Victory on Mount Zion (25:6-8)**
 - 1) Spiritual feast for all people
 - 2) Destroy the covering/veil cast over all people/nations – swallow up death forever (cf. Heb. 2:14-15; 1 Cor. 15:54)
- C) **Divine Salvation Assured and Enemies Subdued (25:9-12)**
 - 1) Remnant waits for God and His salvation – patient faith will be rewarded
 - 2) Moab (opposers of God and His people) will be brought down and trampled
- D) **Confidence in the Deliverance of the Faithful (26:1-21)**
 - 1) God provides a strong city of perfect peace for those who trust in the Lord (vv. 1-4)
 - a) The Lord is a “Rock of Ages” [everlasting rock/strength] (v. 4)
 - b) Soul of faithful seeks the Lord and the uprightness of the Most Upright (vv. 7-9)
 - 2) The lofty city brought down and the wicked will not learn righteousness (vv. 5-6, 10-11)
 - 3) Other rulers have dominion on the earth but pass away; God remains (vv. 12-15)
 - 4) Trouble and pain come to God’s people, but they pray; will awake and sing (vv. 16-19)
 - 5) Hide from God’s wrath on evil in hope of deliverance and peace (vv. 20-21)

III) **God Destroying Evil Powers and Gathering Israel (27:1-13)**

- A) Lord with His severe sword, great and strong, will slay Leviathan, the sea serpent (v. 1)
 - 1) “Leviathan” – fierce sea creature (cf. Job 41); used symbolically of evil world powers
- B) Israel will be a fruitful vineyard for the Lord (vv. 2-6; contrast to the bad vineyard 5:1-7)
- C) God did not fully destroy Israel like the other nations (vv. 7-8; cf. Jer. 46:28)
 - 1) Israel will determine to never worship idols again (v. 9)
 - 2) Israel will be in a very weakened condition because of their sins (v. 10)
- D) God will gather His remnant out of the lands of captivity to worship the Lord “in the holy mount at Jerusalem” (vv. 12-13); fulfilled in physical *and* spiritual Israel

Conclusion

Those who wait on the Lord in faith now is assured of safety, peace, and salvation in Christ!