

Sunday, October 31, 2021

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Praise is Founded in Divine Hope

Series: Ministry of Praise 3 **Text:** Isaiah 12

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to remember the PROMISES of the Lord Jesus Christ and allow those promises to fill them with DIVINE HOPE which releases PRAISE in our soul.

Introduction:

~ Last week's devotional was from Acts 16,
Prayer and Praise Results in Freedom

1. Obedience to God
2. Opposition from the World and the Devil
3. Observance of the Habit of Prayer and Praise
4. Open Conversion

~ The kingdom of Israel is divided into two:
~ 10 tribes in the north called Israel and two tribes in the south called Judah

~ The northern nation has fallen to Assyria (722 B.C.) due to their rejection of Jehovah and their false worship.

~ The southern nation is now under siege to Assyria; but Judah repents and God delivers the nation. Due to apostasy Judah later falls to the Babylonians. Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel give us more information of this divine judgment.

~ Isaiah gives prophecy of both the fall of Judah and its restoration; he also prophesies about the first and second advents of our Lord Jesus Christ.

~ Isaiah is often referred to as "the evangelical prophet" because of the numerous passages about the Christ and His redemptive work (1:18; 2:4; 6:3, 8; 7:14; 9:6 -7; 11:9; 26:3; 35:1; 40:3; 48:16; 53; 55:1; 57:15; 59:1; 61:1 - 3).

~ Chapter 12 is a song of praise founded on the promise that, yes there will be a captivity, but there is going to be a restoring. Partial under Ezra and Nehemiah; more under the Roman rule; much more since 1948; and complete during the Millennium.

1. Promise of the Nation Restored:

~ vs. 1, "You will say in that day:"

What day? Day of Ezra? Day of Nehemiah?
Day of David Ben-Gurion?

~ vs. 2, "*Behold, God is my salvation;*"

God is the deliverer of Israel, it is His mighty hand that saves/saved them; but God always uses willing people, be it: Moses, Joshua, David, Daniel, Mordecai, et cetera.

~ vs. 3, "*With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*"

I am persuaded that this references more than freedom in their own land; but a direct prophecy of the work of the Christ our savior – the Lord Jesus Christ.

~ vs. 4, "*You will say in that day; "I will give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted."*

~ vs. 5, "*Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth."*

This is a direct reference back to Moses in Exodus 15:1 – 18

~ vs. 6, "*Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."*

We shall address this verse in our conclusion.

2. Promise of Salvation from Sin and Judgment:

~ vs. 3, "*With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*"

John 4:1 - 15

~ Isaiah 53:1 – 12

Romans 10:1 – 21 (Isaiah 28:16)

3. Promises to Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ:

~ John 14:3, "*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."*

~ John 14:16 - 18, "*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever; (17) even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. (18) I will not leave you as orphans; I will come you."*

~ Romans 8:28, "*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."*

~ Jude 1:24 – 25, "*Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, (25) to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."*

Conclusion:

Verse 6 – Zechariah 13:1 - 14:21