

I. Singing Praise - Is. 25:1-5

1. Praise (**verse 1**)

- A. Addresses God directly
Rea -not about God, but to God
- B. Owns Him - you are my God
Rea -as opposed to the other church members God - we must make a personal connection to God. He is not just the God of our parents or husband, etc.
- C. I will exalt you- lift you up
- D. I will praise your name
Rea -as opposed to other names (of other gods)
- E. The “why?” - you have been faithful
Rea -we often get into our faithfulness so much that we forget His faithfulness. When we remember His faithfulness, it draws praise out of our heart to Him. This is a part of worship.
- F. The “why?” - you had done wonderful things
Rea -His Name is Wonderful

2. **Verses 2-3** continue the praise of this “wonderful” God

- A. He destroys a city - makes it a heap of rubble
- B. Makes a fortified town a heap
- C. Takes down the stronghold
- D. So much that it will never be rebuilt
- Rea E. Praise God for His destructive power
-we all look forward to God destroying the evil person/ persons... Satan’s work

3. We honor Him because of all His work

- Rea -verse 3 stretches back to verse 1 for all He has done... positive and negative
- world powers will one day come to acknowledge the control and power of God
- Rea -discuss the word “revere” - both from good people and bad people

4. We honor Him (verse 3) because He is a “refuge” (**verse 4**)

- for the poor
- for the needy in distress
- within the storm and heat (shade)

5. Ruthless men are like a storm driving against a wall

- Rea 6. Note, in these verses God does not necessarily (all at once) destroy the evil forces surrounding us, but provides a refuge (shelter) for them
-a shelter in the storm

7. Strongholds of nations are destroyed, but not God’s stronghold

- Rea 8. Make a list of the good analogies for God in these verses

- Rea 9. Who are the “ruthless?”

10. These verses provide an encouragement and a warning

- Rea -at the same time... praise God for His Word

Ideas and Questions:

- 1. Discuss the obstacles, mountains and problems of your class - then reassure them they have a stronghold

2. Discuss the presence of “evil” men and forces in our world
-do you believe in Satan?
3. So at the end of the day - God is in charge!

II. Feasting Together - Is. 25:6-8

1. A feast prepared “on this mountain” (**verse 6**)
 - Mt Zion is not large, but that only magnifies the presence of God
 - the feast is for all peoples

Rea -Revelation contains a picture of a great supper of all peoples (see Rev. 19:6-9)
 2. The menu?
 - best of wines and best of foods
 - God is giving back what they had given Him
 3. A victory feast

Rea -people all over and all times eat to celebrate things - for example, we eat a Thanksgiving Feast. Eating together with family is an important part of Christmas.
 4. He destroys a shroud over people on this mountain (**verse 7**)
 - a picture of death (shroud)

Rea -Jesus destroyed death (that covers all people)
 5. He will swallow up death - forever (**verse 8**)

Rea -Jesus swallowed death for us
 6. Also, God removes their “disgrace”

Rea -they had sinned and brought disgrace on themselves by doing so - caused others to make fun of them

-“His people’s” makes this about the disgrace of the people of Israel
 7. This is our God (**verse 9**)
 - or “you are our God”

Rea -it is mostly looking back that we appreciate all that God does for us - hindsight is 20/20

-we trusted in Him

Rea -all trust in God is ultimately vindicated - one day you will be glad you put your trust in Him

-His “salvation” - another word for salvation is “deliverance” - He is a God who delivers... saves
 8. His hand will rest on this mountain (**verse 10**)
 - God would be present with His people

Rea -“rest” is settle there - not be in and out
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. The Lord’s Supper is a feast
 2. Leviticus 23 records the big three feasts of the Old Testament saints
 - discuss what these meant to the Jews
 3. Note that feasting is not about the food, its about the “together” part - the communion part
 4. Future blessing - from God
 - future realization - from the people
 5. A great word for people who may have been feeling... “where is God?”

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