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Message Info

Title:

Reveling in Grace

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Scriptures:

Isaiah 12

Theme: Open your heart to the Lord so you can revel in his salvation.

Introduction: Water is an essential ingredient for life; and in the world of the Bible, many stories revolve around water. Here in Isaiah 12, the prophet utilizes the metaphors of water and thirst to motivate us to receive and respond to the Lord's salvation. By rightly seeing and applying the Lord's kindness, we will both enjoy his goodness to us and proclaim it to others.

We find here 3 responses for enjoying God's grace:

1. Recognize his mercy (1-2)

Isaiah prophesies a coming day of salvation for Israel. They will go through judgment and exile; but God will judge their enemies and restore them to the land.

On that day, they will say, "though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me." They will recognize that they deserved God's anger and punishment; but that God mercifully worked to redeem them.

On the cross, Jesus propitiated the wrath of God. He took upon himself the anger and judgment that his people deserved so that we could be forgiven and made righteous in him (Rom 3:24-25).

We must recognize and account for our sin if we would go to God for his grace. To minimize sin in a quest for grace is short-sighted and does not work.

2. Rest within his salvation (3)

Isaiah uses the metaphor of water and thirst to instruct us on how we should relate to the Lord. We should, "with joy, draw water from the wells of salvation." We should turn to the Lord for all that we need—he is always faithful to provide.

3. Proclaim his glory with gladness (4-6)

As we have tasted the Lord's goodness in all these ways, we cannot help but proclaim it to one another.

Isaiah commands us to sing and shout, to proclaim and rejoice. As we have been the recipients of God's great love, we will inevitably want to tell others about it.

Questions:

1. Are you dealing honestly with the Lord as regards your sins?
2. Where do you turn for salvation? When you're discouraged or hurting, who or what brings you comfort and hope?
3. How can you pursue growth in knowing and enjoying God's grace to you?