Isaiah 25:6-10a


INTRODUCTION:

1 This chapter describes how the Lord will preserve His people. Isaiah describes the situation which will exist when the kingdom is established on earth. He speaks of a future time when Israel and other nations will feast in peace and prosperity. This is after the worldwide judgment. It is referred to in the Book of Revelation as the 1,000 year reign of Christ on earth.

25:1 O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. Chapter 24 spoke of the devastating judgments of God on the earth which would deliver Zion to the reign of God. Chapter 25 is a psalm of thanks for that deliverance with eschatological statements of great encouragement for those who lay claim on God. This song of exultation and praise begins as Isaiah speaks "Lord you are my God." He exalts and praises God's Name. Why? - Because God has done wonderful things. The counsels or plans He's made long ago are still faithful and true. 2Isaiah gives these three reasons to praise God:

- God did what He promised to do (verse 2).
- Foreign people were afraid of God and they gave honour to Him (verse 3).
- God protected the poor people that needed help (verses 4-5).

25:2 For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. God alone made a city a heap of stones; caused a fortified city to be turned into rubble, and a palace of foreigners to never be rebuilt as a city.

25:3 Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee. For this cause, the strong people will glorify God, for they have heard and seen His power and have seen His mercy. And fierce ruthless nations will fear Him, for non-other’s power can be compared to God’s power.

25:4 For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. Everyone, including the strong people and the terrible nations now praise and fear God for what He's done. They see God being strength to the poor, strength to the needy in distress. He hid them by being a refuge from the storm, and a shade from the heat when the terrible ones tried to blast them. Their "blast" (blistering violent attack) from the ruthless was like a storm against a wall.

25:5 Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low. God will bring down the noise of the blast of terrible strangers, just as the shadow of a cloud causes the heat to subside, and the branch (the triumph song) of the terrible ones shall be brought low before the majesty of the mighty God.

1 http://www.family-times.net/commentary/blessing-of-the-millennial-kingdom/
2 http://www.easyenglish.info/bible-commentary/isaiah24-27-gc-lbw.htm
http://www.pitwm.net/pitwm-sunday-school.html
I. THE LORD’S ABUNDANT PROVISION Isaiah 25:6

25:6 And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. A great celebration shall take place in the mountain (Zion). The “feast” to the Old Testament Jew was a picture of the Kingdom age when the Messiah would reign over Israel and all the nations of the world. “All people” refer to those nations that have survived the “Tribulation Period” to go into the blessings of the millennial kingdom. ”Wines on the lees” refers to dregs of filtered wine, which was not always necessarily fermented. The Lord of hosts will provide a banquet for all peoples; a banquet of rich food and well-aged wines.

II. THE ABOLITION OF DEATH AND SORROW Isaiah 25:7-8

25:7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. At this time God will remove the cloud of gloom that has hung over all the people and the disgrace that had spread over all nations. The “covering” and “veil” may refer to the blindness of Israel to Jesus Christ.

25:8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it. God will swallow up; remove death in victory forever for all those who know Christ and wipe away tears off all faces. He will take away His people’s shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has spoken it. So, there can be no retraction!

III. THE JOY OF SALVATION Isaiah 25:9-10a

25:9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. In that day the people will proclaim, "This is our God!" This is Christ! This is the One whom they trusted in to save them. This is the Lord they’ve waited and looked for. That would be a day of rejoicing when people recognize His salvation.

25:10 For in this mountain shall the hand of the Lord rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill. For the hand of the Lord shall rest in this mountain (Zion), and Moab shall be trampled on his own land under their feet, as straw is trampled down and left to rot.

SUMMARY:

6 In Jerusalem, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies will spread a wonderful feast for all the people of the world. It will be a delicious banquet with clear, well-aged wine and choice meat.

7 There he will remove the cloud of gloom, the shadow of death that hangs over the earth. 8 He will swallow up death forever!* The Sovereign LORD will wipe away all tears. He will remove forever all insults and mockery against his land and people. The LORD has spoken!

9 In that day the people will proclaim, "This is our God! We trusted in him, and he saved us! This is the LORD, in whom we trusted. Let us rejoice in the salvation he brings!" 10 For the LORD’s hand of blessing will rest on Jerusalem. But Moab will be crushed. It will be like straw trampled down and left to rot. TLB.

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