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(Isaiah 12:1) You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you

**were angry with me, your anger turned away,
and you comforted me.**

Isaiah spoke about the Messiah more than any other prophet in the Hebrew Scriptures, and chapter 12 concludes his teaching on the Messiah between Isaiah chapter 7 and Isaiah chapter 13. Later chapters in Isaiah also foretell the Messiah's coming and how He would act; for example, see Isaiah chapter 53. In this verse, Isaiah said that the individual person would give thanks to God for God's comfort. When Jesus came, He revealed that God's anger had turned away from sinners, and Matthew recorded that Jesus came to save His people from their sins. Jesus comforted the afflicted, the poor, the sick, and sinners. God forgives those who accept Jesus the Messiah as their Lord and Savior, because Jesus died in their behalf as a sacrifice for their sins, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven. Around the world today the followers of Jesus still give thanks to God for His saving grace.

(Isaiah 12:2) Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

The name Isaiah means "Salvation of Yahweh," the name Joshua means "Yahweh is Salvation;" similarly, the name Jesus means "Yahweh is Salvation." Isaiah says that the individual person will say, "God is my

Salvation.” Some will not say that no matter how much evidence they receive that God wants to save people not only from their sins but in a variety of situations. Through Jesus Christ, the Son of God, God has become the salvation of all who trust Jesus. The saving work of Jesus Christ leads many to trust in God. Because believers know Jesus Christ died in their behalf, so God could lovingly, justly, and mercifully forgive them for their sins, they will not be afraid of God and the future. God gives strength to believers each day so they can face the trials and uncertainties of each day.

(Isaiah 12:3) With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

God is infinite and the truths revealed in the Bible cannot be exhaustively understood by anyone; however, we can know true truths from the Bible that can be explained. With joy, believers learn more about God and His saving ways as they study God’s Word. Saving truth in the Bible is similar to a deep well, and those who study the Bible for all it is worth read and receive the teaching of God with joy.

(Isaiah 12:4) And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

Those who have received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior have responded to God's saving grace in the way Isaiah described in this verse. They give thanks to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ for His saving work on the cross. They pray to God the Father in Jesus' name. They tell as many as they can in every nation about Jesus and His love for them. They tell how God the Father has exalted Jesus' name by affirming the value of His teachings and sacrificial death when He raised Jesus from the dead. Believers do all they wisely can to lift up before the eyes and ears of others the infinite value of trusting in Jesus.

(Isaiah 12:5) Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

Christians sing praises to God for what He has done through Jesus. When God arranged for Jesus to die a sacrificial death on the cross so He could forgive sinners in a way that would uphold His moral law of love, He completed a glorious achievement. Therefore, Christians not only praise God, but they try to make this glorious deed of God the Father and God the Son known around the world so others can come to trust in God too.

(Isaiah 12:6) Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

When Jesus conducted His public ministry on earth for three years, those who saw His great and mighty deeds shouted aloud and sang for joy. We see the crowds doing this most especially on Palm Sunday. Because Jesus never sinned and lived a holy life, He died in our midst as the Holy One of Israel, the Holy One that God raised from the dead.

Five Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. List some ways Jesus showed and taught that God's anger had turned away from His children.
2. List some of the ways Isaiah said believers will respond to God's comfort.
3. In what ways can God be considered a "Well of Salvation" for believers?
4. What are some of the ways believers can make known God's deeds among the nations?
5. What are some of the glorious deeds of Jesus? Why are these deeds worthy of praise?

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