

Trust God Be Unafraid

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Isaiah 12:1-6

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“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation” (Isaiah 12:2—KJV).

“God is my savior; I will trust him and not be afraid. The LORD gives me power and strength; he is my savior” (Isaiah 12:2—GNB).

“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” (Isaiah 12:2—NRSV).

If we face the danger of dying, someone might save us. A doctor might perform an emergency operation. A lifeguard might save us from drowning. A firefighter might save us from a burning house. The one who rescues us will receive our praise and thanks! They might even receive an honor or reward for their heroism and sacrifices in our behalf. For years afterwards we might share the story of how they rescued us, but we most likely would not say of them, “They have become my salvation.”

More than any other prophet, Isaiah spoke of how the Messiah would come and suffer to serve and save God’s children. God inspired Isaiah to prophecy that someday His children would declare in response, “Surely God is my salvation.” Beyond the power of human beings, God is with His children moment-by-moment throughout each day. He saves His children from many perils never known by them. If one of His loved ones needs strength to overcome evil or achieve something good, He shares His might with them. After receiving God’s gracious gifts, His children sing His praises and tell others, “God is my salvation. God gets me through each day. God saved me from my sins, removed my guilt, cleansed my conscience, and freed me from slavery to destructive habits. God is my strength and my might!” Walking daily with the Lord will increase our trust in God so we will not be afraid. God will lead His children into the life beyond and to the new home that Jesus Christ has prepared for them.

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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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