

Isaiah 26
A Song of Praise

Reason to sing (1-4)

Ramparts and walls are secure – made of salvation (Psalm 62:1-2)
Righteous nation may enter – the nation that keeps faith
Relying on God – He keeps us in perfect peace (John 14:27)
Rock Eternal – we can trust Him forever (Hebrews 6:19-20)

Righteous path (5-8)

Reviving the oppressed – humbling the high and lofty (Matthew 23:11-12)
Revealing a smooth and level path (Hebrews 12:14)
Reestablishing His law in our hearts (Jeremiah 31:33)

Rejecting the wicked (9-11)

Righteousness is learned through judgment (Hebrews 12:11)
Rejecting God's grace (Hebrews 10:29 / Revelation 9:20-21)
Regarding not the Majesty of God (II Thessalonians 1:9)
Reserved for fire (Revelation 21:6-8)

Recognizing God's work (12-15) (Philippians 2:12-13)

Reaping His benefits – growth and peace (vs. 12 & 15 / Psalm 103:1-5)
Ruled by others, but honoring God (I Peter 2:13-17)
Rising no more – the destiny of those who reject God (Psalm 49:18-19)

Refuge in the time of storm (16-20) (Psalm 46:1)

Reaching the end of themselves – we have nothing to offer but our sin (Isaiah 64:6)
Recognizing their failure in sharing His salvation (II Corinthians 5:18-20)
Rising again – the destiny of those who receive God (I Corinthians 15:20-23)
Ready to wait – Hiding ourselves in Him (Colossians 3:1-4)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 26

What is the source of true peace? How do we obtain it? How do we maintain it? (Isaiah 26:3 / Romans 5:1-2 / John 16:37 / Philippians 4:6-7)

What is required for a person to follow the righteous path? (Psalm 1:1-2; 119:9-11, 30-32, 102-104 / Romans 8:3-4)

What is required for a person to follow the wicked path (Judges 21:25 / Jeremiah 17:9 / Proverbs 28:26 / John 15:6 / Romans 7:18)

What benefits do we gain by following Jesus? Why is it important for us to remember these things? (Psalm 103:1-5 / Deuteronomy 8:10-18 / II Peter 1:3-4, 8-9)

Are you ready to wait? How can we prepare ourselves to wait? What are the benefits of waiting? (Psalm 27:14 / Isaiah 40:28-30 / Romans 8:23-25 / Jude 20-21)

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Ramparts and walls are secure – made of salvation (Psalm 62:1-2) (**Eph 1:13-14**)
Righteous nation may enter – the nation that keeps faith - **faith is the ticket**
Relying on God – He keeps us in perfect peace (John 14:27) **not the world's peace**
Rock Eternal – we can trust Him forever (Hebrews 6:19-20) – **the anchor for my soul**

Righteous path (5-8)

Reviving the oppressed – humbling the high and lofty (Matthew 23:11-12)
Revealing a smooth and level path (Hebrews 12:14) – **we can see (I Jn. 2:10)**
Reestablishing His law in our hearts (Jeremiah 31:33) – **His desire is ours (Ps. 37:4)**

Rejecting the wicked (9-11)

Righteousness is learned through judgment (Hebrews 12:11) – **if we pay attention**
Rejecting God's grace (Hebrews 10:29 / Revelation 9:20-21) – **we can be stubborn**
Regarding not the Majesty of God (II Thessalonians 1:9) – **not knowing who He is**
Reserved for fire (Revelation 21:6-8) – **the eternal fire of judgment for unbelievers**

Recognizing God's work (12-15) (Philippians 2:12-13)

Reaping His benefits – growth and peace (vs. 12 & 15 / Psalm 103:1-5) – **amazing grace**
Ruled by others, but honoring God (I Peter 2:13-17) – **obeying God = obeying authority**
Rising no more – the destiny of those who reject God (Psalm 49:18-19) - **He can raise us**

Refuge in the time of storm (16-20) (Psalm 46:1)

Reaching the end of themselves – we have nothing to offer but our sin (Isaiah 64:6)
Recognizing their failure in sharing His salvation (II Corinthians 5:18-20) – **our call**
Rising again – the destiny of those who receive God (I Corinthians 15:20-23) – **our hope**
Ready to wait – Hiding ourselves in Him (Colossians 3:1-4) – **our focus**

Discussion questions for Isaiah 26

What is the source of true peace? How do we obtain it? How do we maintain it? (Isaiah 26:3 / Romans 5:1-2 / John 16:37 / Philippians 4:6-7) ***True peace is only found in knowing God, being forgiven according to His grace and mercy. We may have turmoil in this world, but Jesus offers us His peace when we learn to trust in Him alone. We our troubles overwhelm us, we can call out to Him – remembering to be thankful for His promises (Romans 8:28) – and experience the peace that passes understanding.***

What is required for a person to follow the righteous path? (Psalm 1:1-2; 119:9-11, 30-32, 102-104 / Romans 8:3-4) ***We need to know and meditate on God's word – the importance of the Word of God in my life cannot be overstated. As we grow in my understanding of His truth, we must choose His path, recognizing that we cannot follow that path without the Spirit of God who dwell within us.***

What is required for a person to follow the wicked path (Judges 21:25 / Jeremiah 17:9 / Proverbs 28:26 / John 15:6 / Romans 7:18) ***There is truly nothing I need to do to follow the wicked path, it is my natural bent. My heart is wicked, therefore doing what I deem to be right, apart from the influence of God's word and His Spirit, will lead me down the wrong path.***

What benefits do we gain by following Jesus? Why is it important for us to remember these things? (Psalm 103:1-5 / Deuteronomy 8:10-18 / II Peter 1:3-4, 8-9) ***Life – light – love – forgiveness – truth – strength – contentment – and the list goes on ... If we forget the source of our blessings (John 1:18) we will begin to take credit for the things we have received. If we forget that we have been completely forgiven in Jesus, our hearts will be led astray from Him.***

Are you ready to wait? How can we prepare ourselves to wait? What are the benefits of waiting? (Psalm 27:14 / Isaiah 40:28-30 / Romans 8:23-25 / Jude 20-21) ***Waiting is hard. We must recognize that God has a purpose in our waiting. He desires us to draw near to Him, to learn to depend upon His perfect timing, and to have our focus on the blessed hope of all believers (Titus 2:13)***