

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)