

25 Days of Joy: Unshakeable Joy

Isaiah 25 12.21.25

Isaiah 25:1 TEXT

1- Joy isn't about our circumstances, it's about God's character. When we allow our circumstances to drive our choices, we sink into lack of worship and self-centered actions.

Joy comes when worshiping God is about who God is.

Year-long joy comes when we learn to exalt God simply for who He is.

"What comes into our minds when we think of God is the most important thing." - AW Tozer

How are you worshipping God corporately with TSF, privately, daily? Joy isn't about circumstances.

Joy is about worshipping God for his character, all of who He is.

2- Joy comes from trusting God's good plans.

To hold on to joy when we don't like what's happening in our lives: Review who God is.

Remember what He has already done.

Rest in His long established, good plans.

Plans= a heavenly council where the Trinity devises a strategy for all time, all things, all people.

What better plan is there?

Who else could/should God ask?

Who else can account for all sin, natural disaster, evil people? Is God worth worship if his plans can't account for and incorporate and utilize EVERYTHING for his purposes?

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Isaiah 25:6-9 TEXT

3- Live in peaceful joy today because your future is secure in Christ. Isaiah didn't get a clear picture of his personal future; he got a vision of THE future.

The future that makes our futures worth living.

Our great hope is that God has a plan for the whole world, and it's secure in Jesus.

Who is this that Isaiah sees bringing justice and salvation and an end to death?

1 Corinthians 15:55-57- Jesus!

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God gives us the same promise and vision of the future that is secured by Jesus.

v. 9- Isaiah reminds his suffering people to praise the Lord before God's promises are fulfilled.

This promise of salvation is for all who will trust in the Lord.

On Mount Zion- Jesus was crucified within 600 yards of this mountaintop.

This is a picture of the end- when Jesus returns and completes it all.

Our future and God's promises are wrapped up in Jesus!

We celebrate with a huge feast!

Luke 2:10 TEXT

Isaiah's vision started to become a reality when Jesus was born.

The angels remind Joseph, Mary, shepherds, Magi, Herod, whole world:

Remember the joy for a struggling, hurting world in Isaiah 25? Rejoice- your salvation has come, good news of great joy! Jesus is here!

You want joy for the whole year, regardless of if the news of the day is good or bad?

Worship God all the time, independent of circumstances.

Trust in God's good plans.

Live in peaceful joy because your future is secure in Christ.

This joy is only for those who believe, trust and faith in Jesus!