

/We will begin with the fourth lecture of the book of Isaiah. / Today's passage is chapter 25. / The title of chapter 25 is "Joy." / First, God judges others and protects believers. / Verses 1-5. / Second, rejoice in God for his salvation. / Verses 6-9. / Third, God judges Moab. / Verses 10-12.

/Read verse 1. / O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.

/God completes his work faithfully. / God does marvelous things faithfully. / Marvelous things means that God will save his people and destroy the enemies.

/Therefore, God will fulfill his promises. / Whatever God prophesied, it will be done. / We must praise God and exalt him higher.

/Read verse 2. / You have made the city a heap of rubble, the fortified town a ruin, the foreigners' stronghold a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.

/God judges foreigners. / "Foreigners" are Gentiles and the enemies of Israel. / Gentiles ruled over Israel and bullied them.

/However, God judges enemies no matter how strong they are. / God destroys enemies and clears all of their tracks.

/Verse 3. / Therefore strong peoples will honor you; cities of ruthless nations will revere you.

/ People who were away from God will be punished. / However, they will also repent and

seek God. They will glorify God.

/This means that many people will turn to Christ and be saved. / God's salvation movement will take place over all nations. / The nations that were away from God before will now repent and come back.

/Verses 4-5. / You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat. For the breath of the ruthless is like a storm driving against a wall and like the heat of the desert. You silence the uproar of foreigners; as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is stilled.

/People persecute and bully believers. / However, God protects believers. / Here, the poor, the needy, and the persecuted refer to believers. / God is the refuge for believers and he is shade from the heat.

/God is our strength. / Psalm 46:1 / Psalm 18:1 / 2 Corinthians 12:9 / When we seek God when we are weak, God's power will be upon us.

/God is the shadow of a cloud to avoid the heat. / Psalm 121:6-8 / God leads his people with pillars of cloud and fire.

/Verse 6. / On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine— the best of meats and the finest of wines.

/It means that Christ will bring joy and happiness to many people through the gospel. / Here, "mountain" means Zion, Jerusalem, / and it symbolizes the church of New Testament period.

/Here, “rich food and wine” symbolize the gospel of Christ. / Isaiah 55:1 / Here, it says, God “will prepare a feast.” / It means that the gospel movement in the New Testament period will be as joyful as a feast. / Isaiah 2:4 / Revelation 19:9 / John 2:1-11.

/Verse 7. / On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

/\*“The shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations” refers to the rituals and rules of the Old Testament. / The rules and rituals of the Old Testament. / However, Christ would come to remove all of these.

/Then Christ would reveal the truth of salvation very clearly. / 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 / Matthew 27:51 / At that moment when Jesus died on the cross, the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. / Now, whoever believes in Jesus can go before God. / Hebrews 4:16

/Verse 8. / he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

/Jesus won through the gospel. / Jesus defeated death on the cross. / He defeated death through the cross and resurrection. / 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 / Romans 8:1 / Revelation 20:14 / We overcame death through Jesus.

/ It says, “The Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces.” / This means that God gives us unending comfort and life. / Revelation 7:17 / Revelation 21: 4

/ We must enter the world of life of Jesus Christ. / Whoever lives in the Lord's world of life is full of comfort and joy. / There is no death and pain.

/ It says, "he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth." / This means that Christ's redemption will remove the disgrace of believers. / Jesus removes all disgrace that results from sin. / Romans 9:33

/ Likewise, punishment and disgrace results from sin. / Pain, sorrow and death came through sin. / However, our Jesus came to resolve all this.

/ Verse 9. / In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

/ "That day" refers to the time of the New Testament. / In the New Testament time, Jesus Christ saves the chosen believers. / Now, Christ has come. / Therefore, all believers rejoice in Him. / Malachi 4:2 / 1 Peter 1:3 Psalm 126:1

/ Verse 10. / The hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain; but Moab will be trampled under him as straw is trampled down in the manure.

/ Moab will collapse when they receive God's judgment. / Those who are arrogant and do not believe in Jesus will all be destroyed like Moab.

/ Verse 11. / They will spread out their hands in it, as a swimmer spreads out his hands to swim. God will bring down their pride despite the cleverness of their hands.

/ This means that God will judge Moab. / God will break down Moab's arrogance and wickedness.

/Verse 12. / He will bring down your high fortified walls and lay them low; he will bring them down to the ground, to the very dust.

/ The walls of Moab were high. / However, God would destroy the walls. / In this way, nations that stand against God will eventually fall. / However, the believers will be saved.

/We will continue with chapter 26 of the book of Isaiah.

/The title of chapter 26 is "Praise." / First, God builds the walls of salvation. / Verses 1-7. / Second, God judges the world and bless the believers. / Verses 8-15.

/Third, useless works of the world and the believers' hope. / Verses 16-19. / Fourth, hide in secret room. / Verses 20-21.

/Read verse 1. / In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; God makes salvation its walls and ramparts.

/It tells us that Judah will be destroyed by Babylon. / However, it prophesies that they will return after 70 years of captivity. / They will be prisoners in Babylon for 70 years.

/Then it prophesies that the walls of Jerusalem will be rebuilt. / To rebuild the wall of Jerusalem means that the work of salvation will be accomplished. / No one can destroy the world of salvation of Jesus Christ.

/God's kingdom will never fall. / No one can invade the world of life. / Romans 8:33-34

/Verse 2. / Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith.

/ This means to enter into the world of salvation. / It prophesies that many people will enter the world of salvation. / Matthew 11:12 / God's kingdom is a faithful and righteous kingdom. / It is a faithful world. / It is a righteous world.

/It tells us to open the door and come in. / Revelation 3:20 / Anyone can enter with faith. / God always leaves the door for salvation open. / Romans 10:12 / Colossians 3:12

/ Verse 3. / You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.

/The Lord leads those whose minds are steadfast into peace. / Our hearts must be steadfast as well. / We must rely on God.

/We must stand firm in God's Word. / We must stand in the truth. / Matthew 16:18 / We must have assurance. / Then, we will not be shaken in any circumstances or trials. / Ezekiel 6:30

/ Verse 4. / Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal.

/God is the Rock eternal. / We must rely on God. / This is because God is our Rock eternal. / God is our strength / and our refuge.

/Verses 5-6. / He humbles those who dwell on high, he lays the lofty city low; he levels it to the ground and casts it down to the dust. Feet trample it down— the feet of the oppressed, the footsteps of the poor.

/God destroys the arrogant. / The arrogant will be trampled on. / “The oppressed, the poor” refer to believers. / Malachi 4:3 / Believers would trample on the arrogant through the power of God.

/ Verse 7. / The path of the righteous is level; O upright One, you make the way of the righteous smooth.

/ The “righteous” refers to the believer. / True believers do everything in honesty. / Also, when we walk down the road of righteousness, our futures will be peaceful and well.

/ Verse 8. / Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.

/The believers sought God in times of sufferings. / We seek God in times of difficulties.

/Here, it says “your name and renown.” / When the Lord’s works have victory, his name will become renown. / Believers will wait for God’s work to be fulfilled.

/ Verse 9. / My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you. When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness.

/The “night” symbolizes hardships. / Believers seek God in times of hardships. / The people of the world will learn righteousness. / People understand God’s righteousness when God judges. / Also, when God’s judgment comes, people will be afraid of God.

/Verse 10. / Though grace is shown to the wicked, they do not learn righteousness; even in a land of uprightness they go on doing evil and regard not the majesty of the LORD.

/The wicked do not learn righteousness even if they are shown grace. / They continue to do evil. / The wicked do not realize even when God punishes them. / Psalm 49:20

/The hand of the Lord refers to punishment. / The wicked do not realize even when God punishes them. / Therefore, the wicked will be destroyed.

/Verse 12. / LORD, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us.

/God judges the wicked and saves believers. / God blesses believers with grace and peace.

/Verse 13. / O LORD, our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us, but your name alone do we honor.

/Because the people of Judah continued to sin, God sent foreign nations to oppress Judah. / Judah was oppressed by foreign nations. / At the time, believers relied on God and called on the name of the Lord.

/Verse 14. / They are now dead, they live no more; those departed spirits do not rise. You



punished them and brought them to ruin; you wiped out all memory of them.

/Those who tormented believers will ultimately be judged by God. / The wicked will not stand again.

/ Verse 15. / You have enlarged the nation, O LORD; you have enlarged the nation. You have gained glory for yourself; you have extended all the borders of the land.

/ “The nation” refers to the nation of the believers, the church. / God blesses nations of believers. / However, God will judge the powers that attack his kingdom.

/ Verse 16. / LORD, they came to you in their distress; when you disciplined them, they could barely whisper a prayer.

/ Blesses are those who seek God in times of hardships. / Believers get closer to God in times of difficulties. / Then they pray harder.

/ Verses 17-18. / As a woman with child and about to give birth writhes and cries out in her pain, so were we in your presence, O LORD. We were with child, we writhed in pain, but we gave birth to wind. We have not brought salvation to the earth; we have not given birth to people of the world.

/ A pregnant woman feels great pain when time comes closer to giving birth. / This means that the people of Judah tried to do things on their own.

/ However, what they earned was like the wind. / We earn nothing if God does not help us. /

Psalm 111:1 / We cannot be successful in anything if God does not help us.

/ Verse 19. / But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead.

/ It prophesies that Judah will be taken captive to Babylon and then be restored again. / It also means that dead believers will rise again. / Believers who were dead will rise again at Christ's return. / John 5:25

/ There will be a time when believers will rise. / All believers will be resurrected at Christ's Second Coming. / John 5:28-29

/ The "dew" symbolizes the grace of God. / Genesis 27:28 / Proverbs 19:12 / Haggai 1:10 / In this way, God gives life and glory. / The ground will let go of the dead. / All believers will be resurrected when Jesus return.

/ Verse 20. / Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by.

/ The "rooms" are the secret rooms. / It is a spiritual world. / Matthew 6:6 / It says, "shut the doors." / It means to keep the world from entering our hearts. / We must meet the Lord in the deep rooms of our hearts.

/ It says "hide yourselves for a little while until wrath has passed by." / This means to wait until God's punishment passes by. / The world's sufferings and trials are temporary. / In the future, God's kingdom will last forever.

/ Verse 21. / See, the LORD is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will disclose the blood shed upon her; she will conceal her slain no longer.

/God will finally come to judge the world. / God is a just God.

/"The earth will disclose the blood shed upon her; she will conceal her slain no longer." / God remembers the sins we committed in secret. / God judges all sins. / Everything will be revealed in the day God judges. / God will judge fairly.

/We will continue with chapter 27.

/The title of chapter 27 is "Slaying the Monster."

/First, God kills Leviathan and the monster. / Verse 1. / Second, God cares for the vineyard. / Verses 2-6. / Third, punishment on Israel. / Verses 7-11. / Fourth, promise of the restoration of Israel. / Verses 12-15.

/ Read verse 1. / In that day, the LORD will punish with his sword, his fierce, great and powerful sword, Leviathan the gliding serpent, Leviathan the coiling serpent; he will slay the monster of the sea.

/Here, there is "Leviathan the gliding serpent." / Leviathan / is huge snake that is like a crocodile. / This symbolizes Nineveh, the capital city of Assyria.

/ It also says, "the coiling serpent." / It symbolizes Babylon.

/The “monster of the sea” symbolizes Egypt.

/At first “Leviathan the gliding serpent” symbolizes Assyria. / Second, “Leviathan the coiling serpent” symbolizes Babylon. / Third, “the monster of the sea” symbolizes Egypt.

/ Leviathan is found in Job 3:8. / Psalm 104:26 / God judges these nations with a strong sword. / “Leviathan” also spiritually symbolizes the devil. / God defeats all the works of the devil.

/ “Gliding” means that there are conspiracies and tricks. / There are traps. / God will judge these nations.

/ Verses 2-3. / In that day-- "Sing about a fruitful vineyard: I, the LORD, watch over it; I water it continually. I guard it day and night so that no one may harm it.

/The “vineyard” refers to the Israelites. / 5:7 / The “vineyard” also symbolizes the church. / God builds the church. / God takes care of it so that it bears fruit. / Isaiah 5:1-2 / God blesses believers with lots of spiritual gifts. / Therefore, we must bear fruit of faith.

/ Verse 4. / I am not angry. If only there were briers and thorns confronting me! I would march against them in battle; I would set them all on fire.

/God punished the Israelites because they had no fruit. / “Briers and thorns” symbolize the wicked. / The wicked stand against believers and persecute them. / However, God will ultimately burn the wicked. / God protects the church.

/ Verse 5. / Or else let them come to me for refuge; let them make peace with me, yes, let them make peace with me."

/No matter how wicked one is, God will forgive him if he repents. / 1:18

/ Verse 6. / In days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will bud and blossom and fill all the world with fruit.

/At the end, Jesus' church will win. / Christ would come to accomplish the true salvation movement.

/ Verse 7. / Has the LORD struck her as he struck down those who struck her? Has she been killed as those were killed who killed her?

/God loves his people. / He disciplines them temporarily. / However, God let's the enemies perish. / God judges all foreign enemies.

/ Verse 8. / By warfare and exile you contend with her— with his fierce blast he drives her out, as on a day the east wind blows.

/God punishes believers, but not as hard as he punishes the wicked ones. / God does not punish harshly. / His blast is fierce and the wind is strong. / This means that even if God's punishment seems strong, it will soon pass. / God punishes, but soon takes away the punishment. / Job 5:18-19

/ Verse 9. / By this, then, will Jacob's guilt be atoned for, and this will be the full fruitage of the

removal of his sin: When he makes all the altar stones to be like chalk stones crushed to pieces, no Asherah poles or incense altars will be left standing.

/The Israelites were punished and then they returned to God. / They threw away all idols when they returned to God. / Then God forgave the Israelites of all their sins.

/ Verse 10. / The fortified city stands desolate, an abandoned settlement, forsaken like the desert; there the calves graze, there they lie down; they strip its branches bare.

/Nations that defeated Israel would fall no matter how strong they were. / At the end, those who persecuted the church will become desolate.

/ Verse 11. / When its twigs are dry, they are broken off and women come and make fires with them. For this is a people without understanding; so their Maker has no compassion on them, and their Creator shows them no favor.

/ “When its twigs are dry” means that believers will not have faith. / John 15:6 / The “women” symbolize the world. / Revelation 17:1 / Believers without life are punished in the world. / They do not realize and so they do not repent.

/God does not have compassion on those who do not repent. /Therefore, we believers must repent and bear fruit of faith.

/ Verse 12. / In that day the LORD will thresh from the flowing Euphrates to the Wadi of Egypt, and you, O Israelites, will be gathered up one by one.

/The Israelites were taken captive to other nations. / God called the people of Israel to gather again. / In the New Testament period, God calls all the chosen people throughout the world.

/ “The flowing Euphrates” refers to Babylon. / “Wadi of Egypt” is Egypt. / God calls his chosen people from all over the world to save them.

/Verse 13. / And in that day a great trumpet will sound. Those who were perishing in Assyria and those who were exiled in Egypt will come and worship the LORD on the holy mountain in Jerusalem.

/The “great trumpet” is the trumpet of the gospel. / It means to preach and testify to the gospel. / Christ comes to this world and calls the chosen believers. / He leads them to church. / Then He saves the believers.

/This means that Jesus will call all believers when He returns. / 1 Thessalonians 4:15-16. / Then all believers will be resurrected and go into the sky. / They will meet Jesus there.

/Here, “Assyria and Egypt” symbolize the nations of the world. / God calls all the dead believers in the world and saves them. / Believers will be transformed into spiritual bodies, and go up into the sky to meet Jesus in the air.

/Here we will conclude the fourth lecture on the book of Isaiah. / Thank you.