

The Day Of The Lord

You Are Good Doxology

Isaiah 24

See, the LORD is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it; he will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants - it will be the same....

for priest as for people, for master as for servant,
for mistress as for maid,
for seller as for buyer,
for borrower as for lender,
for debtor as for creditor.

The earth will be completely laid waste and totally plundered. The LORD has spoken this word. The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers, the exalted of the earth languish. The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant.

Therefore a curse consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt. Therefore earth's inhabitants are burned up, and very few are left. The new wine dries up and the vine withers; all the merrymakers groan. The gaiety of the tambourines is stilled, the noise of the revelers has stopped, the joyful harp is silent.

No longer do they drink wine with a song; the beer is bitter to its drinkers. The ruined city lies desolate; the entrance to every house is barred. In the streets they cry out for wine; all joy turns to gloom, all gaiety is banished from the earth. The city is left in ruins, its gate is battered to pieces.

So will it be on the earth and among the nations, as when an olive tree is beaten, or as when gleanings are left after the grape harvest.

VOICE # 1 FROM CONGREGATION:

They raise their voices!

VOICE # 2 FROM CONGREGATION:

They shout for joy!

VOICE # 2 FROM CONGREGATION:

From the west they acclaim the LORD's majesty!

VOICE #4 FROM CONGREGATION:

Therefore in the east give glory to the LORD!

VOICE # 5 FROM CONGREGATION:

**Exalt the name of the LORD, the God of Israel,
in the islands of the sea!**

VOICE # 6 FROM CONGREGATION:

**From the ends of the earth we hear singing:
"Glory to the Righteous One."**

Righteous One

But I said, "I waste away, I waste away! Woe to me! The treacherous betray! With treachery the treacherous betray!" Terror and pit and snare await you, O people of the earth. Whoever flees at the sound of terror will fall into a pit; whoever climbs out of the pit will be caught in a snare. The floodgates of the heavens are opened, the foundations of the earth shake.

The earth is broken up, the earth is split asunder, the earth is thoroughly shaken. The earth reels like a drunkard, it sways like a hut in the wind; so heavy upon it is the guilt of its rebellion that it falls - never to rise again.

In that day the LORD will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below. They will be herded together like prisoners bound in a dungeon; they will be shut up in prison and be punished after many days. The moon will be abashed, the sun ashamed; for the LORD Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders, gloriously.

MEDIA SHOUT

Psalm 97

WORSHIP LEADER:

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;
let the distant shores rejoice.

CONGREGATION:

Clouds and thick darkness surround him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.

CONGREGATION:

His lightning lights up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.

WORSHIP LEADER:

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.

CONGREGATION:

The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.

WORSHIP LEADER:

All who worship images are put to shame,
those who boast in idols - worship him, all you gods!

CONGREGATION:

Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah are glad
because of your judgments, O LORD.

WORSHIP LEADER:

For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

CONGREGATION:

Let those who love the LORD hate evil,
for he guards the lives of his faithful ones
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

CONGREGATION:

Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous,
and praise his holy name.

His Glory Fills The Earth

Isaiah 25

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. 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.

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

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.

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

No More Night

(children dismissed)

OFFERING

(plates are passed as reading continues)

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."

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

Isaiah 26

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

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

Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal. 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.

The path of the righteous is level; O upright One, you make the way of the righteous smooth. Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.

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.

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.

O LORD, your hand is lifted high, but they do not see it. Let them see your zeal for your people and be put to shame; let the fire reserved for your enemies consume them.

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

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

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.

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

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.

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

Isaiah 27

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.

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.

I am not angry. If only there were briars and thorns confronting me! I
would march against them in battle; I would set them all on fire. Or else let
them come to me for refuge; let them make peace with me, yes, let them
make peace with me."

In days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will bud and blossom and fill all the world with fruit. Has the LORD struck her as he struck down those who struck her? Has she been killed as those were killed who killed her?

By warfare and exile you contend with her - with his fierce blast he drives her out, as on a day the east wind blows. 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 altar will be left standing.

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.

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.

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. 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.

SERMON

Dave Talley

It Is Well