

## Praise

"This song and the great delivery which it commemorates, made an impression never to be effaced from the memory of the Hebrew people. From age to age it was echoed by the prophets and singers of Israel, testifying that Jehovah is the strength and deliverance of those who trust in Him. That song does not belong to the Jewish people alone. It points forward to the destruction of all the foes of righteousness and the final victory of the Israel of God. The prophet of Patmos beholds the white-robed multitude that have 'gotten the victory,' standing on the 'sea of glass mingled with fire,' having 'the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb.' Revelation 15:2, 3." —*Prophets and Prophets*, p. 289.

SUNDAY

### HYMN OF VICTORY

#### 1. How did the prophet Isaiah express praise and gratitude for Judah's deliverance from its enemies?

**ISAIAH 25:1-3** *O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.* <sup>2</sup>*For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built.* <sup>3</sup>*Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.*

"Now the temple courts resounded with songs of solemn praise. 'In Judah is God known: His name is great in Israel. In Salem also is His tabernacle, And His dwelling place in Zion. There brake He the arrows of the bow, The shield, and the sword, and the battle.'" —*Prophets and Kings*, p. 362.

MONDAY

#### 2. What image was presented in the victory hymn to illustrate God's protection and security over His people?

**ISAIAH 25:4, 5** *For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.* <sup>5</sup>*Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.*

"The praise and thanksgiving from grateful hearts will ascend to God as a sweet oblation. 'Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: For His mercy endureth forever...' 'For He satisfieth the longing soul, And filleth the hungry soul with goodness.'" —*Prophets and Kings*, p. 566.

### 3. How did the prophets describe His promise to destroy death and the grave forever and ultimately to deliver His people at the second coming of Jesus? What hope does this promise offer believers today?

**ISAIAH 25:8, 9** *He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it. <sup>9</sup>And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.*

**HOSEA 13:14** *I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.*

"And as the prophet beholds the Lord of glory descending from heaven with all the holy angels, to gather the remnant church from among the nations of earth, he hears the waiting ones unite in the exultant cry: 'Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us:...'

"The voice of the Son of God is heard calling forth the sleeping saints, and as the prophet beholds them coming from the prison house of death, he exclaims, 'Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.'" —*Prophets and Kings*, p. 728.

WEDNESDAY

### HYMN OF TRUST

### 4. How was the people's trust in God expressed? What divine promise underpinned that trust?

**ISAIAH 26:1, 2** *In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. <sup>2</sup>Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.*

"Amidst the deepening shadows of earth's last great crisis, God's light will shine brightest, and the song of hope and trust will be heard in clearest and loftiest strains." —*Education*, p. 166.

THURSDAY

### 5. What is the guarantee of peace and stability for those who trust in God?

**ISAIAH 26:3, 4** *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. <sup>4</sup>Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.*

"Let us put away everything like distrust and want of faith in Jesus forever. Let us commence a life of simple childlike trust, not relying upon feeling but upon faith.

"Do not dishonor Jesus by doubting His precious promises. He wants us to believe in Him with unwavering faith. There is a class who say, 'I believe, I believe,' and claim all the promises which are given on condition of obedience. While they claim everything in the promises of God, they do not the works of Christ. God is not honored by any such faith, it is a spurious faith. Then we see a people trying to keep all of God's commandments, but there are many of these who do not come up to their exalted privileges and claim nothing. God's promises are to those who keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight...." —*This Day with God*, p. 9.

FRIDAY

### **CALL TO THE REMNANT**

#### **6. How did the prophets exhort the remnant of God's people to prepare for impending destruction before their probation closed?**

**ISAIAH 26:20, 21** *Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. <sup>21</sup>For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth shall also disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.*

**REVELATION 22:11, 12** *He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. <sup>12</sup>And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*

"In visions of the great judgment day the inspired messengers of Jehovah were given glimpses of the consternation of those unprepared to meet their Lord in peace." —*Prophets and Kings*, pp. 725, 726.

SABBATH

### **HYMN OF THE VINEYARD AND HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION**

#### **7. How was God's protection over His vineyard described? What hope is there for those who died while being faithful in His vineyard?**

**ISAIAH 27:2-6** *In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine. <sup>3</sup>I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day. <sup>4</sup>Fury is not in me: who would set the briers and thorns against me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together. <sup>5</sup>Or let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me. <sup>6</sup>He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit....*

"Let Israel hope in God. The Master of the vineyard is even now gathering from among men of all nations and peoples the precious fruits for which He has long been waiting. Soon He will come unto His own; and in that glad day His eternal purpose for the house of Israel will finally be fulfilled. 'He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.' Verse 6....

"The voice of the Son of God is heard calling forth the sleeping saints, and as the prophet beholds them coming from the prison house of death, he exclaims, 'Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.' Isaiah 26:19." —*Prophets and Kings*, pp. 22, 728.

### **FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY**

"In Jerusalem the hearts of the people were filled with holy joy. Their earnest entreaties for deliverance had been mingled with confession of sin and with many tears. In their great need they had trusted wholly in the power of God to save, and He had not failed them. Now the temple courts resounded with songs of solemn praise." —*Prophets and Kings*, p. 361.