

## A Hymn of Praise

### Isaiah 12

*Isaiah is preparing God's people for the future. When the time comes, Israel will sing a hymn of praise to the LORD. We ought to do the same.*

I. Praise God as a \_\_\_\_\_ (1-3).

A. \_\_\_\_\_ God for His love, mercy and grace.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ God for daily strength and a song.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ others of the joy you've experienced.

II. Praise God as a \_\_\_\_\_ (4-6).

The heart sings when we accept how little it matters that we are in control and how much it matters that God is in control for us, when we discover how little it matters that we are able and how much it suffices that God is able on our behalf. The day we step into the messianic kingdom and find that God has been true to his word, we redeemed will erupt in music as never before. The gospel says that we will sing a new song. It will sound "like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder... like the sound of harpists playing on their harps" (Revelation 14:2). We have not yet heard that sound—sustained intensity like a waterfall, punctuated bursts like claps of thunder, overwhelming sweetness like an orchestra of harpists, all rolled into one. There is no such sound in all the world. But someday we will be a part of it. Our fully saved hearts will become capable of it. It will pour out of us forever.

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