

Scripture: Isaiah 12 & Colossians 1:12-23
Singing: 7:1-3 – 102:1-4 – 232:1-3 – 448:4

Lord's Day 15.37-39 #1

Intro: Genesis 3 calls for weeping and singing!

REASONS TO PRAISE OUR REDEEMER

I. Because God's anger is turned away II. Because God is our salvation

I. Praising the Redeemer for turning away His anger

A. This implies that *God was angry with the disobedient and unrepentant Jews*

1. John 3:26: *the wrath of God abides on you if you live in unbelief*

2. Col. 1:21-22: *God cannot smile on you when you are alienated and enemy*

3. Rev. 6:16-17: *God's wrath is to be fled while there is still time to flee it*

a. don't be lulled to sleep by "*God loves the sinner and hates the sin*"

b. It is a mistaken and unscriptural view of God that sees Him as a God of love who overlooks and tolerates sin. (M. Barrett)

● Ps. 11:5 *The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth*

● Prov. 3:32 *For the froward is abomination to the Lord*

c. be awake: *your holy and just God cannot and will not act peacefully and passively with anyone who remains His enemy!*

B. Yet prophet sings about God's anger turned away and being comforted (vs. 1)

1. What did he do to appease God's anger?

a. He didn't do anything, and neither can we do anything

b. God Himself acted to turn away His anger and be reconciled (Gospel)

● 2 Cor. 5:18-19 *And all things are of God who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ (...) to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself*

2. But how can this reconciliation be real if I owe Him infinite debt?

II. Praising the Redeemer because God's provided salvation

A. God not only made the *first move*: He also provided *entire means* to reconcile

1. Behold, God is my salvation (vs. 2)

a. He freely devised the means that his banished be not expelled from Him (2 Sam. 14:14)

b. This is a sovereign, free, and full provision (Rom. 9:15-16) *So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.*

2. What is the 'salvation means' God provided?

a. ... *suffered under Pontius Pilate* (see Lord's Day 15:37)

- Jesus bore the full wrath of God in body and soul

- in His suffering, He provided a *propitiating sacrifice* which took away **God's hindrance** to show His favor and be reconciled

- *suffered under Pontius Pilate* is the key to give us access to the wells of salvation

Living the truth ...

A. We are to draw with joy the waters out the wells of salvation (Is. 12:3)

1. What are the 'wells of salvation?'

2. What is meant with drawing out the waters from the wells of salvation?

a. it is to receive the reconciliation God offers us in Christ Jesus

- offer is unconditional for Jesus' sake

- offer needs a response: 2 Cor. 5:20 *Be ye reconciled to God*

b. two examples: *Mark 5:25 and Luke 7:36*

- Thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace!

B. What remains when you fail to answer God's offer to reconcile with Him?