Songs of Praise to the Lord - Isaiah 25:1-27:13

Topics: Accomplishments, Anger, Atonement, Blindness, Compassion, Death, Desires, Discipline, Enemies, Evil, Faith, Faithfulness, Fruit, Glory, Good News, Grace, Guilt, Heart, Honor, Humiliation, Idolatry, Joy, Judgment, Law, Learning, Life, Name, Oppressed, Peace, Plans, Poor, Praise, Prayer, Pride, Protection, Punishment, Resurrection, Salvation, Shame, Silence, Sin, Strength, Trust, Waiting, War, Worship, Zeal

Open It

* 1. What are the qualities of a person you trust implicitly?
2. What is the most elaborate meal or banquet you've ever attended?

Explore It

* 3. What aspect of God's character is the primary reason for Isaiah's song of praise? (25:1)
4. How had God followed through on His plans for the fortresses of people? (25:2)
5. How will God's treatment of the ruthless and the needy differ? (25:3-5)
6. What honor will God prepare for all of the faithful people? (25:6)
* 7. What great burdens of human life will ultimately be lifted by God? (25:7-9)
8. How will God treat the rebellious of the world (Moab)? (25:10-12)
9. What will God do for His people, which will give rise to praises? (26:1-6)
* 10. What characterizes the relationship between God and His people? (26:7-9)
11. What prevents the wicked from experiencing God's favor? (26:10-11)
12. How will God's people look back on His activity in the world when it has been completed? (26:12-15)
13. How are God's people humbled by His discipline? (26:16-18)
14. What images did Isaiah use to portray the resurrection of the dead? (26:19)
15. What did Isaiah instruct God's people to do while God judges the world? (26:20-21)
16. To what huge creature did Isaiah compare God's defeat of evil? (27:1)
17. What is Isaiah's image for God's nurturing care of His people? (27:2-6)
18. To what end did God strike and contend with Israel? (27:7-11)
19. What is God's promise of restoration for His people? (27:12-13)

Get It

* 20. What sort of enemies do we face against which we have no natural, human defense?
21. What does God want the poor to know about their oppressors?
22. What attitudes and habits depict a righteous person?
23. Why did Israel in Isaiah's day stand in need of God's discipline?
24. What is one indication in this section of Isaiah that God's salvation was not only for the descendants of Abraham?
* 25. How is your understanding of evil influenced by Isaiah's characterization of the righteous wrath of God?

Apply It

* 26. What specific enemies, immediate and long-term, do you want to ask God to defeat on your behalf?
27. With whom will you ask God to give you the courage to share something of the goodness of God?