

Isaiah 12:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

Analysis

Chapter 12 is a salvation song celebrating deliverance. 'In that day' points to the Messianic age. 'Though thou wast angry with me' acknowledges past judgment was deserved. 'Thine anger is turned away' celebrates reconciliation. 'Thou comfortedst me' emphasizes God's tender care after discipline. This models appropriate response to salvation: acknowledging past wrath, celebrating present grace, praising God's comfort. The progression from wrath to comfort describes every believer's experience—from judgment to justification through Christ.

Historical Context

Written anticipating return from exile and ultimate Messianic salvation. New Testament believers sing this reality—once under wrath (Ephesians 2:3), now comforted through Christ (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). The church's worship fulfills this prophecy, celebrating God's anger being turned away through Christ's propitiation. Every testimony of salvation echoes this pattern: acknowledgment of deserved wrath, celebration of experienced grace.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does remembering past wrath increase appreciation for present grace?
2. What is the relationship between God's anger being turned away and Christ's atoning sacrifice?
3. How do we express worship that acknowledges both God's justice in judgment and mercy in salvation?

Interlinear Text

כִּי יְהִי הָאָזְבֵּן אֶת־מִרְאֵת
thou shalt say And in that day H1931 I will praise O LORD H3588
H559 H3117 H3034 H3068

אָנָּתָּה בְּאָנָּתָּה בְּאָנָּתָּה
thee though thou wast angry H0 is turned away with me thine anger H639
H599 H7725

תִּנְאַכְּלֶנּוּ
and thou comfortedst
H5162

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 30:5 (Parallel theme): For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Isaiah 25:1 (Resurrection): 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.

Isaiah 54:8 (References Lord): In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

Zechariah 14:9 (References Lord): And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

Hosea 6:1 (References Lord): Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

Isaiah 51:3 (References Lord): For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Isaiah 35:10 (References Lord): And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 14:3 (References Lord): And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve,

Isaiah 49:13 (References Lord): Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

Isaiah 25:9 (References Lord): 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.