

“Our Strength and Our Refuge”

Isa. 25:1-12

Introduction

- I. When we examine the omnipotence of God, we see how fragile we really are.
- II. None of us would even be here if it were not for God (Acts 17:22-28).
- III. Let us reflect on the writings of the prophet Isaiah.
 - A. We will see the source of true strength.
 - B. We will see Who is our true refuge.
 - C. We will see both the preservation and destruction that God can bring.

Discussion

- I. Isaiah allows us to see the source of true strength (Isa. 25:4; Isa. 12:2).
 - A. The “poor” and the “needy” find strength in God (Psm 40:17; 28:7; 46:1; 81:1; Prov. 10:29).
 - B. Christians derive the strength to endure from God (Col. 1:11; Phil. 4:11-13; Eph. 3:14-19).
- II. Isaiah allows us to see our true refuge (Isa. 25:4).
 - A. When “storms” and hardships come our way, we should run to the safety of God (Psm. 32:7; 46:1; 62:5-8; 91:1- 10; 119:114; 1 Sam. 1:13-15).
 - B. Peter is a great example of putting our trust in God, or losing trust in God (Matt. 14:22-33).
- III. Isaiah allows us to see the preservation and the destruction that God can bring (Isa. 25:4-12).
 - A. Romans 11:22
 - B. Preservation (1 Thess. 5:8-9; 1 Pet. 1:3-9).
 - C. Destruction (Heb. 10:28-31; Phil. 3:17-21; 2 Thess. 1:5-10).

Conclusion

- I. God's omnipotence should serve as a reminder of how fragile human beings really are.
- II. If not for God, where would derive true strength?
- III. If not for God, where would find true refuge?
- IV. It is the same God that gives preservation and destruction.