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Isaiah 12

This brief chapter concludes the Book of Immanuel, expressing the happiness of God's people as they rejoice over the coming fulfillment of its glorious promises and give praise to the Holy One of Israel. Its words are particularly well suited to express the joy of everyone who has found salvation through faith in the One whose miraculous birth is predicted in Isaiah 7:14, 9:6 and 11:1, His light-giving preaching in 9:1-2, His wisdom in 11:2-4, His glorious kingdom in 9:7 and 11:6-9, and His deity in 9:6. It can describe the happiness of those who know that because of what Jesus did at Calvary the anger of the God who hates sin has been turned away from them (v. 1), God has become their salvation (vv. 2 and 3) and He dwells in the midst of His people (v. 6).