

Sermon Study Questions

Sunday, September 21, 2025

1. Read Isaiah 12:1-6
2. In v.1 Isaiah says, "In that day." What day or period of time is he speaking of? Look at ch.11 v.10-11.
3. In v.1-2 Isaiah is speaking about the individual believer's response to being saved, that in that day you will say, "I will thanks to you O Lord, for though you were angry with me." Isaiah makes the point that God was angry with you before you turned in faith to Christ. Do you believe He was angry with you? Why was He angry with you?
4. He goes on to say, "For though you were angry with me, *your anger turned away.*" Do you really, truly believe that God's anger has turned away from you? What is it that turned His anger away? Be specific.
5. What is propitiation?
6. In v.2 Isaiah speaks of the fruit of faith blossoming in the life of the believer into a strong and confident faith. How is it that knowing God was angry with you, but is no longer angry with you, critical to a confident and courageous faith?
7. In v.3-6 Isaiah pivots to talking about the response of the community of believers to God's salvation. In doing so, He sees believers in the congregation saying to one another, "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name." How do we apply this?

8. In v.4 Isaiah says, “Make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.” What deeds are we to make known? Practically speaking, how can you do this? Read Mark 5:1-20.

9. Isaiah concludes by telling the congregation to “Shout and sing for joy.” He then says, “For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.” What does He mean by this? Read Heb.2:10-12. Who is in your midst, and when is He in your midst? What does this tell you about what is taking place in church, and about the importance of being physically present in church?

10. Pray!

Reading of Law: Psalm 100:3-4

Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father in Heaven, you are good and do good. In your kindness you have set your love upon us and blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. And yet we often lose sight of this. We lose sight of the greatness of our identity in Christ and the abundance of blessings we possess as your beloved people. Rather than coming before you with thanksgiving in our hearts, blessing your great name for your grace in making us your own, we grumble about certain aspects of who we are and what we are like. Father, how easy it is for us to forget that you made each of us exactly as you please and that you delight in each of us. Father, we confess that we often forget our identity as your people and fail to live in accord with it. We do not praise you as you deserve, nor do we express the gratitude you are worthy of. We thank you that in spite of our sin you are good, and your steadfast love endures forever, and your faithfulness to all generations. We joyfully confess this, and we thank you for it. We also thank you for Jesus Christ, who is Lord over all. We thank you that He conquered sin and death and the devil, and that He rose from the dead and even now sits at your right hand exalted far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is to be named, both in this age and in the age to come. It is in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness: Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 3

Q. 6. Did God create people so wicked and perverse?

A. No. God created them good¹ and in his own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that they might truly know God their creator, love him with all their heart, and live with God in eternal happiness, to praise and glorify him.

1 [Gen. 1:31](#), 2 [Gen. 1:26-27](#), 3 [Eph. 4:24](#), 4 [Col. 3:10](#), 5 [Ps. 8](#)

Q. 7. Then where does this corrupt human nature come from?

A. The fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise. This fall has so poisoned our nature that we are all conceived and born in a sinful condition.

1 [Gen. 3](#), 2 [Rom. 5:12, 18-19](#), 3 [Ps. 51:5](#)

Q. 8. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil?

A. Yes, unless we are born again by the Spirit of God.

1 [Gen. 6:5](#); [8:21](#); [Job 14:4](#); [Isa. 53:6](#), 2 [John 3:3-5](#)

NT Reading: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."