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LIFE-STUDY OF ISAIAH 40

THE FOUNTAIN OF SALVATION, THE SPRINGS OF SALVATION, AND THE FLOW OF SALVATION

In this message we want to see the springs of salvation in Isaiah 12. We need to know the difference between the words fountain and springs. Deuteronomy 8:7 speaks of the good land as "a land of waterbrooks, of springs and of fountains, flowing forth in valleys and in mountains." The fountain is the source, the spring is the issue of the source, and the waterbrook, or the river, is the flow. The source of the Jordan River is in Mount Hermon. Some of us visited there and saw the spring of water gushing out from the fountain to become a river. In its verbal form spring means to gush out or gush up. Exodus 15 speaks of the children of Israel arriving at Elim on their journey in the wilderness. At Elim there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees (v. 27—ASV). The source of these springs may have been one fountain.

Isaiah 12 does not use the word spring in the singular but the word springs in plural. Verse 3 says, "Therefore you will draw water with rejoicing / From the springs of salvation." The term the springs of salvation implies that salvation is the source. The source of the springs of salvation is a fountain, and that fountain is salvation. The source, the fountain, and salvation are synonyms. Who is the source, the fountain, the salvation, in Isaiah 12? Verse 2 says, "God is now my salvation; / I will trust and not dread; / For Jah Jehovah is my strength and song, / And He has become my salvation." Jah is a short form of Jehovah. This is similar to a person's full name also having a short form, such as Benjamin and Ben.

The main word stressed in Isaiah 12 is salvation. God is our salvation, and Jah Jehovah is our strength and song. Strength and song both indicate experience. When God's salvation is experienced by us, this salvation becomes our strength, and eventually it will be our song, our praising. The strength and the song are experiences of salvation. In our experiences our God is Jah and Jehovah. In the New Testament, our God is called Jesus and Christ. He is the Lord Jesus Christ. When we are calling upon Him, we can say in a very intimate way, "My Lord Jesus Christ." Sometimes we

can express this in a more dear way by saying, "My dear Lord Jesus Christ." Jah Jehovah in the New Testament is our Lord Jesus Christ.

Out of the fountain of salvation come the springs. This salvation is Jah Jehovah. In the New Testament, Jah Jehovah is Jesus, the incarnated God. Jesus means the salvation of Jehovah. This salvation is the source of all the springs. In John 7:38 the Lord Jesus said that out of our innermost being would flow rivers of living water. Not just a river, but rivers flow out of us. When I was young, I was bothered because I knew that the rivers, which are plural, refer to the one Spirit. I did not see at that time that the book of Revelation speaks of the seven Spirits (1:4; 4:5; 5:6). God's one Spirit has been intensified sevenfold. In John 7 the rivers of living water are the many flows of the different aspects of life (cf. Rom. 15:30; 1 Thes. 1:6; 2 Thes. 2:13; Gal. 5:22-23) of the one unique river of water of life (Rev. 22:1), which is God's Spirit of life (Rom. 8:2).

The springs issue out of the fountain. The springs are Christ. These springs become the rivers, which are the Spirit. The salvation is the source, the fountain, out of which Christ springs up. The processed Triune God is the fountain, the springs, and the river of water of life. The Father is the fountain, the Son is the springs, and the Spirit is the river of water of life.

The water in a fountain comes from the heavens. This water comes down to the earth and gets deeply into the earth. Eventually, it becomes a fountain under the earth, and this fountain springs up to become springs. This is a picture. The water is the processed Triune God becoming a fountain, out of which we can have the springs of salvation for our enjoyment and experience. When we receive this water, it becomes a stream flowing within us. God as our salvation is the fountain; Christ is the springs of salvation for our enjoyment and experience; and the Spirit is the flow of this salvation within us.

In John 4 the Lord Jesus showed the Samaritan woman that the very living water would become in her a spring of water welling up into eternal life (v. 14). In Revelation 21:6 the Lord says, "I will give to him who thirsts from the spring of the water of life freely." Both the Old and New Testaments show that the living water is God's practical salvation. This practical salvation is the processed Triune God Himself.

Dear Brothers,

As you may know, an eight-week relief effort began this week to help the people in Japan with post-earthquake and post-tsunami cleanup in the devastated areas around Sendai. Ongoing reports will be posted at www.japanesechristians.org. In addition to the reports posted there, excerpts from two other reports are given below:

From a sister volunteer

We arrived in Sendai at 5:30 am, Lord's day morning...I can't even begin to explain the devastation in this area...the news videos really aren't able to paint an accurate picture. When we arrived near the coast, many locals were rummaging through the remains of their pre-tsunami life ...all that was left were foundations of homes and miles of debris. On the cement stairs leading down to the beach, flowers and notes have been left for the loved ones that are still missing from the tsunami....a nearby junior high was damaged beyond repair, with cars and trees visible inside the school building.

The people here in Sendai and the surrounding region have experienced such tragedy...it is really horrifying. One gentleman we spoke with on the beach had tears in his eyes as he explained that his house was destroyed, and he is now living at a shelter. We gave him a Bible for Japan tract, and encouraged him to order Bibles for his family. But, as we spoke with him, I think my realization was that I do not have the words to comfort these people. Only Christ can comfort and shepherd them. But, at the same time, we still need to be faithful to speak the gospel to them. The Lord must be our only source as we come into contact with those ones affected by the tsunami. The people of Japan desperately need Christ as their salvation! Please pray that we are able to reach many seeking ones over the next week.

The end of a report from a brother volunteer

Tomorrow we will begin to go out in gospel teams to contact people in Sendai city and a neighboring town with saints. Please pray for our contacting of people through door knocking, that we would come in contact with the sons of peace. Also please pray for the continued safety, health and covering of all the saints here with the continued aftershocks and the increased nuclear reactor danger level.

Please visit www.japanesechristians.org in the coming weeks for more reports and information, including a schedule for the upcoming weeks and instructions on how to volunteer and how to give. Also please encourage the

saints to pray for the spreading of the gospel and the salvation of God's chosen ones in Japan.

The serving ones at LME

[A short testimony: people are open to the gospel](#)

April 14th, 2011

The tragic events have impacted people all over the world. Recently here in the US we visited a young Japanese couple attending University. They were very concerned for their family members in Japan and asked us to pray for them, knowing we are Christians. We said that we were praying for the Japanese people and would be happy to pray for their families as well. But we said that they could join us to pray by first opening to the Lord themselves. As we sat at the kitchen table, they joined us to call on the Lord, calling His name several times. Together we all very much enjoyed the Lord's presence and then began to pray together for their families and the people of Japan. May the Lord gain so many in the midst of this time!

A Christian Believer
Fullerton, California

Burdens for Church Prayers

- Pray for brother Jim Hannah's recovery and the need of medical expense.
- Pray for Russian speaking saints for their needed shepherding from past co-workers.
- Pray for Boston Training Center that all the practical needs will be met.
- For daily exercise in GOW training: prophesying on Lord's day by daily enjoying His word and pursue the truth and attend Lord's day meeting on time.
- Pray for migration to the 30 cities for shepherding and establishing churches. And for GTCA of the local people and gospel preaching in our daily living.
- For gospel preaching on West Valley College campus, as well as for English-speaking testimony in Campbell.
- Pray for Brother Guichang for the recovery of eye and experience of the Lord.

Announcement

- Morning Revival: Crystallization-Study of Isaiah, Week 22.
- YP Bible Reading this week: Mark chapter 5-6
- Prayer meeting 7:30PM on Tues.(4/19) at Liu's house, 14020 Shadow Oaks Way, Saratoga
- Summer Training 7/4-/7/9, Anaheim, register with Brother Tien
- Summer school of truth will be held on July 24-29, Alliance Redwood
- Brother Ben and sister Joy delivered a baby boy on 4/12, 6:23am. Both mother and baby are doing well.
- 6th grade conference 5/13~15, register with brother Tai.