

I. What the People of God Sing (1-2)

A. We sing about an overcoming victory (1) – “In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: “We have a strong city; He sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks.”

Isaiah 24:10 – “The wasted city is broken down; every house is shut up so that none can enter.”

Isaiah 24:12-13 – “Desolation is left in the city; the gates are battered into ruins. [13] For thus it shall be in the midst of the earth among the nations...”

Isaiah 25:2 – “For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the foreigners’ palace is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.”

B. We sing of an open invitation (2) – “Open the gates, that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in.”

II. What the People of God Offer (3-4)

A. A word of comfort (3) – “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.”

B. A word of conviction (4) – “Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.”

III. What the People of God Await (5-6)

A. A great humbling is coming (5) – “For He has humbled the inhabitants of the height, the lofty city. He lays it low, lays it low to the ground, casts it to the dust.”

Job 34:16-20 - “If you have understanding, hear this; listen to what I say. [17] Shall one who hates justice govern? Will you condemn Him who is righteous and mighty, [18] who says to a king, ‘Worthless one,’ and to nobles, ‘Wicked man,’ [19] who shows no partiality to princes, nor regards the rich more than the poor, for they are all the work of His hands? [20] In a moment they die; at midnight the people are shaken and pass away, and the mighty are taken away by no human hand.”

B. A grand reversal is promised (6) – “The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy.”

James 2:5 – “Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him?”

IV. What the People of God Desire (7-9)

A. Our level pathway (7) – “The path of the righteous is level; You make level the way of the righteous.”

B. Our longing hearts (8) – “In the path of your judgments, O LORD, we wait for You; your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul. [9] My soul yearns for You in the night; my spirit within me earnestly seeks You. For when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.”