



HOPE IN A TRAGIC WORLD

ISAIAH 25:6-12

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - April 21, 2024

1. Anticipate _____ (vv. 6-8)

Isaiah 25:6-12 (ESV)
6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
7 And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.
8 He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

2. Joyfully _____ (v. 9)

9 It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."
10 For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain, and Moab shall be trampled down in his place, as straw is trampled down in a dunghill.
11 And he will spread out his hands in the midst of it as a swimmer spreads his hands out to swim, but the LORD will lay low his pompous pride together with the skill of his hands.
12 And the high fortifications of his walls he will bring down, lay low, and cast to the ground, to the dust.

3. Know _____ (vv. 10-12)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Romans 8:18-25.** Why is it important for Christians to have a realistic view of the sufferings and tragedies that will happen in this life and in this world? How can we prepare ourselves not to be shocked or surprised when tragedy strikes close to us?
- 2. Read Colossians 3:1-4.** Why do Christians need to think about heaven and our future with Christ often? Why is it important for us to remember that these future promises are a central part of our faith?
- 3. Read Job 42:1-6.** In what ways have you had to find yourself saying similar things in times of tragedy? In what ways do you need to prepare yourself with thoughts like this in times of tragedy?
- 4. Read Habakkuk 3:17-19.** How is it possible for Christians to have joy even in the midst of tragedy?
- 5. Read Psalm 73:16-22.** One thought that encouraged the Psalmist in a time of doubt was God's future judgment of the wicked. How can this thought help you in times of struggle or tragedy in your life?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Bridges, Jerry. *Trusting God*. NavPress, 1988.

Fabarez, Mike. *Lifelines for Tough Times*. Harvest House, 2014.

Lamber, Heath. *The Great Love of God*. Zondervan, 2023.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for those in our congregation and community who have been affected by tragedy.
Pray for God's glory, faithfulness, and compassion to be seen.
Pray for ongoing fruit from our women's retreat.
Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
4/22	1 Samuel 25-27	John 14
4/23	1 Samuel 28-31	John 15
4/24	2 Samuel 1-3	John 16
4/25	2 Samuel 4-6	John 17
4/26	2 Samuel 7-10	John 18
4/27	2 Samuel 11-13	John 19