

Isaiah 12:1–6 — From Anger to Comfort, from Thirst to Song

1) The Turn from Anger to Comfort (12:1)

Isaiah looks ahead to the day the Lord reigns openly and His people are restored. Their first words are gratitude:

*“And in that day you will say:
‘O LORD, I will praise You;
Though You were angry with me,
Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me.’”* (Isaiah 12:1, NKJV)

Sin deserves judgment, yet God’s purpose is restoration. When we return to Him, His righteous anger gives way to His tender comfort.

2) God Himself Is Our Salvation (12:2–3)

The song deepens:

*“Behold, God is my salvation,
I will trust and not be afraid;
‘For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song;
He also has become my salvation.’
Therefore with joy you will draw water
From the wells of salvation.”* (Isaiah 12:2–3, NKJV)

Not just *salvation from God*—*God Himself* is our salvation. In Christ, the fountain is personal and present. He is strength when we’re weak, a song when we’re weary, and a well that never runs dry. We don’t sip reluctantly; we draw **with joy**.

3) Praise That Spills Outward (12:4–6)

Gratitude becomes witness:

*“And in that day you will say:
‘Praise the LORD, call upon His name;
Declare His deeds among the peoples,
Make mention that His name is exalted.
Sing to the LORD,
For He has done excellent things;
This is known in all the earth.
Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion,
For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!’”* (Isaiah 12:4–6, NKJV)

When the Holy One is *“in your midst,”* praise can’t be contained. God’s people publicly call on His name, tell what He has done, and lift His reputation high before the nations.

Practical Application

1. **Move from guilt to grace.** If you feel the weight of past failure, take Isaiah 12:1 to heart—God’s goal is not to shame you but to **turn anger into comfort** as you come to Him through Jesus.
2. **Choose trust over fear.** *“I will trust and not be afraid”* (12:2). Fear shrinks our world; faith enlarges it. Practice daily trust—pray specifically, obey promptly, and leave outcomes with God.
3. **Drink deeply, daily.** *“With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation”* (12:3). Open Scripture each day, talk with the Lord, and worship. Don’t live on yesterday’s sip—keep drawing.
4. **Let praise become proclamation.** Name His deeds out loud (12:4). Tell someone this week one concrete thing Christ has done for you. Your story points others to the Well.
5. **Live as if God is near—because He is.** *“Great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!”* (12:6). Treat every place—home, classroom, workplace—as sacred space where the King is present.

Come to the Wells—Come to Jesus

Isaiah 12 announces good news: the God who was justly angry has made a way to comfort and save. In Jesus Christ—crucified and risen—God Himself becomes your salvation. He is the Well that never dries up and the Song that never fades.

If you have not yet given your life to Him, you can today. Turn to Jesus in prayer: admit your need, believe He died for your sins and rose again, and entrust yourself to Him. Ask Him to dwell in your midst—at the center of your life.

Then trust Him every day. Draw water with joy through Scripture and prayer. Walk in obedience. Tell others what He has done. Let His strength be your strength and His song be your song.