

## Slow but Certain

### Isaiah 25

#### Anticipating future events

Guaranteed/Certain versus Maybe will happen  
How do we view God's \_\_\_\_\_ in the world?  
How do we view God's \_\_\_\_\_ for what He will do?

#### A Brief History of Time

Creation                      Fall                      Redemption                      Restoration

#### Israel

Promise to \_\_\_\_\_ & action in \_\_\_\_\_: nation is formed  
\_\_\_\_\_ kingdom: Saul, David, Solomon  
Then civil war: north (\_\_\_\_\_) and south (\_\_\_\_\_)  
Northern kingdom destroyed 722 BC  
Southern kingdom destroyed 586 BC

#### Isaiah 25

1-5: Song of praise for future promised \_\_\_\_\_,  
and present \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ was planned in "faithful faithfulness"

Praise as if deliverance were already \_\_\_\_\_

Enemy's fortress will lose its power \_\_\_\_\_

Enemy will bow before God, \_\_\_\_\_ or not

Praise also for current \_\_\_\_\_ in current \_\_\_\_\_

Refuge (twice), shelter, shade for \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Focused on \_\_\_\_\_ for the oppressed and powerless

6-10a: God's promise: a joyous, eternal victory (\_\_\_\_\_) for all peoples  
who will trust in Christ

"This \_\_\_\_\_" inclusio: symbol of Jesus' death

Death is "\_\_\_\_\_ up" by Jesus' power

to live again forever after death

In Christ, death (\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_) no longer has power

\_\_\_\_\_ true God, with life available to all \_\_\_\_\_

The greatest God comforts and rescues \_\_\_\_\_

Removes disgrace="\_\_\_\_\_ " of trust in God

Exodus 15:2: Greatest joy comes when...

10b-12: Humiliation and destruction for all who  
\_\_\_\_\_ from Christ

Isaiah 16:6

Moab: Self-\_\_\_\_\_ (strength, cleverness) is **not** \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ

Since God's victory comes **in Christ**, to be \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ is to be  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God's victory

Genesis 2:16-17; 3:19; 1 Corinthians 15:22; Acts 4:12

#### The Big Idea:

**God's joyous and total \_\_\_\_\_ over sin and death  
is for all who \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ  
and is as certain as a \_\_\_\_\_ event  
though we still have to \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
for the full experience of it**

#### Application:

Have faith in God's promise of \_\_\_\_\_ victory

Our faith is in the "\_\_\_\_\_ " of God

\_\_\_\_\_ joy becomes \_\_\_\_\_ joy by faith

The feast is true from before the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world

We're just waiting for \_\_\_\_\_ of what is already done

Hebrews 12:2

Take refuge in God's presence and care today

Trust ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' of God's presence and grace today

Presence of the \_\_\_\_\_ with us, especially in the dark days and  
places

We experience many good \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in this life, even though  
they are never the \_\_\_\_\_ experience of God's joy

Today we experience the cloud of God's presence that \_\_\_\_\_ the  
power of evil and trouble

Put your \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ today

Self-struggle, self-sufficiency, and trusting other things all share this  
key thing: they are not \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ

Not hoping in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ us from God's joyous promised  
victory

Placing your trust in Christ is being \_\_\_\_\_ by God, and He  
protects and cares for His children forever. Acts 4:12

#### Reflection Questions

- Where in life do you need to experience God's protection, like a cloud that softens the impact of evil and trouble today?
- What is it about God's promised final victory that gives you joy?
- What makes it challenging for you to have faith in God's final victory in Christ? What helps renew your faith in His promise?