

Slaying the Dragon

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Isaiah 27

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Snapshot: The LORD will bring to completion everything He promised for His people; therefore we should worship Him forever.

- I. The Lord Destroys Our Enemy (27:1)
- II. The Lord rebuilds the garden (27:2–12)
- III. The Lord perfects our worship (27:13)

Connect

*Why is the use of the imagination important for the Christian?
How can the imagination be dangerous for the Christian?*

Study

Point 1: The Lord Destroys Our Enemy (27:1)

READ Isaiah 27:1; Job 41:1, 10, 25, 31–34; Psalm 74:10–14; Psalm 104:26

1) After reading these verses, what do you learn of Leviathan? What do you think Isaiah is using Leviathan to depict (HINT: scan through chapters 13–23)? What does “serpent” and “dragon” make you think of? How does the use of Leviathan, fleeing serpent, twisting serpent, dragon of the sea help us picture this battle?

2) What do you learn of the Lord in these verses? Why does the Lord need to punish Leviathan? Why is slaying the dragon necessary for the Lord to make all things new? What would this prophecy have meant to those about to go into exile? How have you seen the Lord destroying the work of Satan in your life?

Point 2: The Lord rebuilds the garden (27:2–12)

READ Isaiah 27:2–12; John 15:1–10

3) Compare the vineyard in Isaiah 27 with the one in Isaiah 5. What are the differences? How does this vineyard in Isaiah 27 compare with John 15? What are the promises we have? What do we learn of the Lord?

4) How are sins atoned for and removed in 27:9–10? How is this realized in the cross? How should this cause us to live now?

Point 3: The Lord perfects our worship (27:13)

READ Isaiah 27:13; Leviticus 25:8–12 (25:8–55 for greater understanding)

5) What is the significance of the Year of Jubilee and the Day of Atonement that the trumpet points to in Isaiah 27?

6) What are some things that hinder your full worship of the Lord right now? Are there things in your life that get worship other than the Lord? In what ways is the Lord exposing those things? In what ways is the Lord growing your worship of Him alone?

Pray the passage

Spend time praising the Lord for His strength against our foe, the wicked dragon Satan.

Worship the Lord for His role in bringing us into His perfect vineyard and keeping us.

Pray for the Lord to continue to fill the whole world with fruit.

Ask the Lord to destroy the idols and pride in your life.

Praise the Lord of the harvest, who has promised to return for His people and cause us to worship Him for all eternity.

Memorize & Meditate

“In days to come Jacob shall take root, Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots and fill the whole world with fruit” (Isaiah 27:6).

Preparing for next week

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:17-6:2

Ask: questions of the text

Pray: through text, for the pastor as he prepares, for your heart to hear, for the congregation to hear, for all of us to be obedient.