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Before we consider this week's sermon and passage, I want to clear something up that I overlooked and incorrectly defined a word to you while preaching on the "Ingredients of a Great Church."

Acts 13:1-2 (NKJV)
[1] Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
[2] As they **ministered** to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

I erroneously stated that the word "***ministered***" meant "Praying."

However, that is incorrect!

It means "***Worshipped***." In fact, several other translations state that clearly: (AMP, CSB, ESV, NLT).

So, it is evident that the MAIN "***Ingredient***" (which all others followed) was that they were "a **Worshipping Church**!"

NOW, that is the perfect segue to lead to our sermon this morning as it also depicts "worship" and some great reasons for doing so…

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 12:1-6

Introduction:

- Isaiah 12 is a Psalm.
- It is a hymn of **praise** if you will—another graphic description of the people's joy (primarily the JEWS in this context), when Jesus Christ comes to reign over the earth.
- It is a response to the description of the Millennial Kingdom described in Isaiah 11.
- Even now we need to express our gratitude to God—thanking Him, praising Him, and telling others about Him.
- From the depths of our gratitude, we must **praise** Him.
- As our **praise** overflows, we must share Him with others.
- I believe that this passage shows the Christian some reasons why we can rejoice, as Philippians 4:4 and Luke 10:20 instructs us:

Philippians 4:4 (NKJV)
[4] Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

Luke 10:20 (NKJV)
[20] Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

Let's now examine our thought, "**Some Reasons for Rejoicing**:"

I. **PRAISE FOR GOD'S COMFORT** - **Vs. 1**

Isaiah 12:1 (NKJV)
[1] 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**.

We see this truth reiterated in the New Testament:

Romans 5:1 (NKJV)
[1] Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NKJV)
[4] But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with
which He loved us,
[5] even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together
with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

- You see friends, we should always rejoice because God, who was once angry with us (our sin), has now appeased His wrath for us through the sacrificial death of Christ!

1 Thessalonians 5:9 (NKJV)
[9] For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NKJV)
[3] Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
[4] who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to
comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with
which we ourselves are comforted by God.

- (Five times—comfort is mentioned—the number of Grace!).

II. **PRAISE FOR GOD'S SALVATION** - **Vss. 2-3**

Isaiah 12:2-3 (NKJV)
[2] 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.' "
[3] Therefore with joy you will draw water From the wells of
salvation.

3 times the word "salvation" is mentioned!

- Let's think about those "**wells of salvation**" for a moment:

1. The Well of Grace (Eph. 2:8-9; II Cor. 12:9)
   - Saving grace, keeping grace, dying grace!

2. The Well of Faith (Heb. 11:1; Eph. 6:17; I Peter 5:9)

- We live by faith! We can see God do the impossible through **faith**!

3. The Well of Assurance (Eph. 4:30; Php. 1:6; I John 5:12-13)

4. The Well of Hope (John 14:1; Titus 2:13)

III. **PRAISE FOR GOD'S NAME - Vs. 4**

Isaiah 12:4 (NKJV)
4 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.

Exodus 20:7 (NKJV)
7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Psalm 34:3 (NKJV)
3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.

Psalm 72:17 (NKJV)
17 His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun. And *men* shall be blessed in Him; All nations shall call Him blessed.

Psalm 111:9 (NKJV)
9 He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome *is* His name.

Micah 4:5 (NKJV)
5 For all people walk each in the name of his god, But we will walk in the name of the LORD our God Forever and ever.

Philippians 2:9-10 (NKJV)
9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

IV. **PRAISE FOR GOD'S WORKS - Vs. 5**

Isaiah 12:5 (NKJV)
5 Sing to the LORD, For He has done excellent things; This *is* known in all the earth.

Psalm 126:3 (NKJV)
3 The LORD has done great things for us, *And* we are glad.

1. He has Delivered us (from sin—mentioned earlier).
2. He does Deliver us (from present sin, present sufferings).
3. He will Deliver us (from future trials and sufferings, from this present evil world!).

2 Corinthians 1:9-10 (NKJV)
9 Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,
10 who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver *us,*

- (Three times—***deliverance*** is mentioned—perfect number—number of the resurrection!).

V. **PRAISE FOR GOD'S GREATNESS - Vs. 6**

Isaiah 12:6 (NKJV)
6 Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, For **great** *is* the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

1 Chronicles 16:25 (NKJV)
25 For the LORD *is* **great** and greatly to be praised; He *is* also to be feared above all gods.

Psalm 48:1 (NKJV)
1 **Great** *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised In the city of our God, *In* His holy mountain.

Psalm 145:3 (NKJV)
3 **Great** *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness *is* unsearchable.

There is no question that our God, JEHOVAH is **great**!

VI. **PRAISE FOR GOD'S PRESENCE - Vs. 6c**

Isaiah 12:6 (NKJV)
6 Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, For great *is* the Holy One of Israel **in your midst!**"

Matthew 28:20 (NKJV)
20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV)
5 Let *your* conduct *be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, *"I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

Revelation 21:3 (NKJV)
3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.

Closing/Invitation:

- Friend, God loves you and wants to save you if you are lost.
- If you are saved, He wants you to rejoice and share Him with others.
- We should never be downcast and defeated! We have the victory—we know God!

Invitation Hymn # ???

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