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Safe in Yeshua, the Rock of Ages

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Devotion and Discussion Questions

Key Texts: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 15:1; 24:3-4; 118:14-19; Prov. 3:5-6; James 1:6-8; Matt 5:1-11

After chapters describing the collapse of human strength and the implosion of self-made kingdoms, in Isaiah 26, the Lord gives us this prophetic song—a vision of the future “in that day,” and at the same time, an invitation to trust Him *in this day*. The LORD knows our struggle. We look ahead to God’s promises, but then we look around at present reality and feel the tension. This chapter speaks into that tension.

Isaiah 26 brings us back to the call that has been echoing from chapter 1 all the way through: *trust the Lord*. Not alliances, not human power, not our own self-sufficiency. These things crumble and return to dust. But God Himself—*Yah Adonai*—is the Rock of Ages, the Rock that endures every age, every season, every trial. He is the wall that surrounds us, the rampart that defends us, and the gate through which the righteous enter. And the invitation is simple but costly: Keep trusting. Keep leaning. Keep your mind stayed on Him. Because the only place you will find perfect peace—*shalom shalom*—is by leaning fully on the One who holds you up.

1. OUR WALLS ARE HIS SALVATION (26:1-2)

Isaiah begins with a song—a prophetic anthem sung *in that day*: “*We have a strong city!*” But this is not a city strengthened by stone walls or military might. The ramparts are not built by human hands. It says: “*Salvation—Yeshuah (יְשׁוּעָה)*—*He sets as our walls and ramparts.*” The strength of God’s people isn’t found in political alliances, strategic partnerships, or personal ingenuity. It is found in Yeshua Himself. He is our defense. He is our security. He is the wall around us. And He is the reason we will stand in that day. Israel has a long history of trying to find safety in all the wrong places—alliances with Aram, partnerships with Assyria, trust in kings, wealth, and structures. But Isaiah says: *Those walls will fall. These walls—His salvation—will stand.*

Then the call comes: “*Open the gates, that the righteous nation may enter.*” The righteous nation is not about ethnicity or borders—it’s about trust. It is the “nation of the righteous,” made up of those who cling to God’s faithfulness, who keep faith, who watch over trust like a watchman guarding the night. Yeshua is not only the wall—He is also the gate. He is the doorway into this life, this peace, this kingdom. And who walks through that gate? The one whose trust and confidence is in God and not in themselves; who says, “Lord, You are my safety. You are my hope. I enter because of You.”

2. SHALOM SHALOM FOR THE MIND THAT LEANS (26:3-4)

Isaiah 26:3 is one of the most cherished promises in all of Scripture: “*You keep in perfect peace the one whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.*” The Hebrew gives such a vivid picture. The word for mind (יֵצֶר, *yetzer*) speaks of the shaping of our thoughts—the frame of mind, the formation of our inner world. The word for “stayed on You” (סָמַךְ, *samak*) means to lean, to be supported, like someone leaning their full weight on God. You can almost hear Isaiah saying, “Lord, the only reason I didn’t fall is because I was leaning on You—and You were holding me up.” Perfect peace—*shalom shalom*—isn’t the peace of good circumstances. It’s the peace of a mind fully leaning on the Lord, supported and upheld by Him alone.

Trusting the Lord with a whole heart is the opposite of the double-mindedness James warns us about. Half trusting God and half trusting ourselves is the fastest path to anxiety. Anxiety becomes like a dashboard warning light telling us: “Something in my trust has shifted.” Not to

condemn us, but to invite us back to leaning fully on Him, Isaiah says, “*Trust in Adonai forever—for Yah Adonai (יְהוָה יְהוּדָה) is the Rock of Ages.*” Everything else crumbles. Everything else becomes dust. But He endures through every age, every generation, and every season. He is the Rock that never shifts, never weakens, never crumbles. And if you lean on Him—fully—you will stand.

3. EVERYTHING ELSE WILL CRUMBLE, BUT HE REMAINS (26:5-6)

Isaiah contrasts the everlasting Rock with the lofty human systems and kingdoms that seem so high, so strong, so immovable. The ones built on pride, money, influence, or power. Isaiah says: “*He brings low those dwelling on high.*” The fortified human city—impressive on the outside—is coming down. God levels the lofty things because they were never meant to hold us. They are dust pretending to be a fortress. And Isaiah says they will fall until they become dust underfoot—dust walked on by the humble, the afflicted, the very ones who seemed least important to the world.

That’s why Yeshua says, “*Blessed are the poor in spirit... blessed are the humble... blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.*” Better to be among the lowly who will triumph than among the mighty who will be trampled. Trusting God means walking forward even when you don’t yet see how He’s working. Trust is required because there are moments when evidence seems absent—but God’s word is more reliable than what we see. Trusting has always been the issue. From Ahaz refusing to trust in chapter 7 all the way through Isaiah’s warnings to kings and nations. And it’s the issue today. God is saying: “*Stop clinging to what’s crumbling. Lean fully on Me. I am the Rock of Ages—and I will hold you.*”

CONCLUSION

Isaiah 26 calls us into a future hope that reaches back into our present reality. It reminds us that the world around us is not the measure of our security. It is not the evidence of God’s faithfulness or the lack of it. Everything we see now—every structure, every system, every power—is temporary. The only eternal thing, the only unshakable reality, is the Rock who is the Rock through all Ages. And the invitation is not complicated: *trust Him*. Lean fully. Fix your frame of mind on Him. Let Him be the wall around you. Let Him be the gate before you. Let Him be your peace, your strength, your stability. You may feel overwhelmed. You may feel outnumbered. You may feel like you’re walking through rubble. But the afflicted, the poor, the humble—the ones who cling to Him—will walk into the city whose walls are salvation, whose ramparts are deliverance, whose cornerstone is Yeshua Himself. And that future “in that day” is meant to give you strength *in this day* to keep trusting, keep leaning, and keep walking.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What does Is. 26 teach us about the difference between human-made security and God-made security?
2. Where are you tempted to trust in alliances, structures, or yourself rather than the Lord?
3. How does “shalom shalom” differ from the world’s version of peace?
4. What are some ways to keep your mind “stayed” (leaning) on the Lord throughout the day?
5. How have seasons of anxiety revealed deeper issues of trust in your walk with God?

CLOSING PRAYER:

Abba, we thank You that You are the Rock of Ages—steady, unshakable, and faithful through every season. Teach us to lean fully on You, to trust You without wavering, and to rest in the peace that only You can give. Shape our thoughts, steady our minds, and surround us with Your salvation. Tear down every false refuge we cling to and draw us back into Your everlasting arms. Strengthen our trust, quiet our anxieties, and let Your shalom shalom guard our hearts. In Yeshua’s mighty name we pray—Amen.