

## A Song of Praise

### Isaiah 12

We finish our series in Isaiah as we looked at chapter 12 – ‘A Song of Praise’. We have to understand this song in the context of what had gone before: on the one hand the destruction of God’s people and the land by their enemies, and on the other hand the great promise of a deliverer and of God’s kingdom being set up. In this chapter, God’s people are encouraged to be thankful, to trust in God and to rejoice in him.

We thank God because his anger is turned away. We can only understand the love of God against the dark background of the cross where Jesus suffered and died for us. We trust him because he rules the world in his majesty and always acts for the ultimate good of his people. We rejoice in him because he is such a kind and gracious Lord; even in the most difficult times he can provide refreshment and rest. We rejoice in him too because he is in the midst of his people.

The promised king is Immanuel – God with us. With these Bible foundations, whatever our circumstances may be and however challenging they are, we can always be thankful to God, trust in him and rejoice in him.