

A PROPHECY OF OUR THANKFUL WITNESS - Isaiah 12:4-6

1. Today: worship. Thurs: witness. Both rooted in thanks. Isa 12:1-3- v4-6
 - i. Lk 24:46-47 - worship equips for witness = experience salvation: life in Christ & thus invigorated, we live good deeds & speak truth/hope.
2. Recall AM's 4 questions from v1-3.

1st: Who Witnesses?

1. Same people of v1a - people *on that day*: us!
2. v1 & v4 - what we say in worship & in witness - Exodus motif.

2nd: To Whom Do We Witness?

1. Who receives witness of worshipers? Worshipers & would-be worshipers the world over [Rom 3:29; Eph 3:10].
2. Powers & principalities [authorities, value-systems] before whom we declare *Jesus is Lord* = message of worship.
3. *throughout the world* [A 1:8; Lk 24:47]. Abraham's blessing for nations. In OCov, nations come TO Jerusalem [Isa 2:1-11]. Isa sees NCov evangelization of world, Jerusalem goes TO nations. Grt Commission.
4. v4 *peoples* = OCov Israel. In worship we witness to fellow worshipers.
 - i. *remember that His name is exalted* [v4] - Col 3:15-16.
 - ii. call those present but yet to believe - 1 Cor 14:24-25.
5. Worship issues into witness - *make known* [v4]; *let this be known* [v5]
 - i. Inform mind [true] - convince conscience [right] - Lk 24:46-47
 - ii. Worship & witness is centered on Word of God: gospel - cross/res

3rd: To What Do We Witness?

1. KJV: declare *His doings* - [Lk 24:47] Use words to *make known*. Do good deeds - underline not undermine message - but speak: 1Pt 3:15
02. Interpret & explain significance of God's saving acts w/ Word of God
 - i. What wld Isa tell Gentiles who came to Israel? Exodus.
 - ii. What is our message - Lk 24:46-48; our "exodus" [Lk 9:31].
 - iii. Also testify of what Christ has done for you - reconciled

4th: To What Do We Call Those To Whom We Witness?

1. Call those saved to join us in worshiping the Lord w/ thankful worship. Salvation; thxgvg & worship are vitally related.
2. *name 2x = YHWH 4x = the Holy One of Israel* [v6]. IIIrd c.
3. Theologians make God's name known: Ex 34:6-7. Shorter Cat: "God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal & unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice goodness & truth." Jesus - Phil 2:5-11
 - a. *the name above all names*
 - b. YHWH - cites Isa 54:32 - Isa 45:20-25. Phil 2:10 = vocab of IInd c. [Ex 20:4] YHWH come to save His people.
4. This is why we witness: to enlarge the glory of Jesus Christ.

5th: Isaiah's Exhortation

1. Our citizenship in Zion is evidenced in our worship in presence of Lord.
2. Lord in our midst - Isa 43:5. Our present privilege [2C 6:16]. Our future prospect [Rv 21:3-4]

Applic #1: Never Relinquish Our Commitment to God-Centered Worship

1. God-centered: Ps 115:1-2. His presence, Word, grace: Himself.
2. Jesus is here, let us never lose our first love.

Applic #2: Let Us Witness By and Because of Our Worship

1. Bring unconverted to God-centered worship to experience presence of speaking God who saves sinners into thankful worship.
2. If we have truly experienced salvation, how can we NOT tell others?
3. Ps 67:1-3,7.