

Isaiah: A Prophet for Our Time
This Is Our God
Isaiah 25:1-12

We live in a culture that believes it can define its own reality, set its own moral standards, and define truth in its own terms. In other words, we believe we are capable of doing something that only God is capable of doing, and we think we can do it better than God. Our culture cringes at the idea that we were made for the glory of God and for His praise, yet they position themselves to try to receive the same.

1. Our God is worthy of all praise.

2. Our God changes evil hearts.

3. Our God reverses the curse of death.

4. Our God destroys idolatrous pride.

We may not understand why there is so much suffering and why God has waited so long to establish His kingdom, but we do know that He has a perfect plan that He is able to accomplish. In the end, one group of people will feast and rejoice with God and another group will be humbled and destroyed. Some people will choose pride and exhibit ruthlessness while others will demonstrate trust in God. We don't know when that day will come, but the Bible is clear that when it comes, every individual will be responsible for the choice they have made concerning Christ and His redemptive work on the cross.

Reflection

Read Ephesians 1:6, 12, and 14 and identify the common phrase in each. What does this phrase tell us about God's motives for His redemptive plan? What does it mean to no longer live for our own self-interests but for the glory of God? What should that look like? How does Isaiah 25:1 point to God's perfect, eternal plan? Why do we struggle with the idea that God fashioned a plan for all things from before the foundation of the world? How can Isaiah 25:3 encourage us to invest in the effort to take the gospel into the nations that seem hostile to the truth of God and His Word? How should verses like Isaiah 25:9 stir our affections for Christ? What should that look like in our worship and in our everyday interactions of life?