

A New Day In Zion

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- I. PRAISE IN THE NEW DAY, 12:1, 4a
 - A. A Physical New Day
 1. This is the day that was decreed that Judah would go back into their own land and worship God with their sacrifices and offerings and look forward to the Branch which should come to be their Messiah.
 2. This is the day when Babylon has lost its power, and Israel is now permitted without hindrance to return unto their own land.
 3. A radio preacher said the other day that, when Israel came back into their land, they prayed for 92 days, but they built the temple in 52 days.
 - B. A Spiritual New Day
 1. This day is, then, also a day when the stress is put upon a new heart by which man may believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ and be saved without the deeds of the law.
 2. This has always been the case, but the difference in the new day is that the coming of the Messiah is much closer, and all prophecy concerning Israel has been fulfilled before the coming of the Messiah. They were now to merely wait for him. It is part of the 70-week plan that God gave to Daniel on Daniel Chapter 9.
 3. The apostles and others have seen him, and we have believed in his name.
 4. The shadows have fled away, and a new day of brightness has dawned.
 5. We see Jesus only through faith and not through the shadows of the Mosaic Law.
 - C. For This We Are To Praise Him
 1. Because, though God was angry, he has turned away his anger and has comforted Israel
 2. They were comforted by their physical return to Jerusalem, and many were comforted by their salvation experience through the Spirit of God.
 - a. Through salvation – Matthew 5:4 *Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*
 - b. By the Holy Spirit – John 14:16 *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; (See Acts 9:31)*
 - c. By mutual faith – Romans 1:12 *That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.*
 - d. God of all comfort – 2 Corinthians 1:3 *Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;*
 3. We are to praise God by calling upon his name – 12:4
- II. TRUST IN THE NEW DAY, 12:2
 - A. The word “behold” is not in the Hebrew, but it seems to fit here very well.
 - B. Trusting the Lord brings salvation – Ephesians 1:13 *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*
 - C. We can trust him to be faithful to his work as our Redeemer: 2 Peter 3:15 *And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;*
 - D. Jesus “endured” the cross, despising the shame – Heb. 12:2

- E. His longsuffering is his work completed, faithful in every way; therefore, we can trust him.
- F. If we can trust him, then we have nothing to fear.

III. JOY IN THE NEW DAY, 12:3

- A. Joy, Not Happiness
- B. Joy, Not Entertainment
- C. Joy, Not Pleasantries
- D. Joy, long-lasting joy. A relaxing in the comfort of God through Christ, and the act of drawing water, spiritual water, out of the wells of salvation.
- E. Every time we draw out of the wells of salvation, the word of God, we do it with joy.
- F. The word of God will never disappoint us. It may rebuke and correct us, but it will never disappoint us.
- G. We always go in with joy and come out with joy.
- H. I have never heard anyone say “I loved the Lord until I read the Bible; now I hate him after reading his word.” Have you?
- I. The more of God’s word we read, the more we will enjoy him and all things.
- J. *1 Timothy 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;*
- K. This is not worldly joy but spiritual joy – *Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*
- L. Joy in the word of God – *1 John 1:4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.*

IV. DECLARATION OF THE NEW DAY, 12:4b

- A. Declare His Doings Among The People
 1. Tell everyone everywhere what God has done for you.
 2. Do not hesitate to give credit to God for doing what he does.
 3. We can do this by praying in a public way, praying at the lunch or dinner table, being an example by attending church—others will see this, reading the Bible so we can declare to our children and others that we are very serious about being God’s child.
 4. Tell people that God created the world.
 5. Tell people that God sustains all things
 6. Tell people that God has a plan, and it will be executed flawlessly.
 7. Tell people that God’s Son, Jesus, is the only Redeemer and Savior.
 8. Tell people that Heaven and Hell are real.
 9. Tell people to believe on Jesus Christ lest they die and go to an eternal place of punishment.
- B. Declare That His Name Is Excellent
 1. Do not use God’s name flippantly.
 2. Do not take his name in vain, whether that be in cursing or in pretending to be a believer when you are not.
 3. Speak God’s name, Jesus’ name, and the name of the Holy Spirit in reverence.
 4. Tell people that his name is wonderful, etc.
 5. Tell people that God gives power to become sons of God to everyone who believes upon his name.

V. SINGING IN THE NEW DAY, 12:5

A. Sing Unto The Lord For His Doings

1. He has done excellent things.
2. Find songs with lyrics that say this.
3. Write songs that say this.
4. Sing loud and sing long of the excellency of God's grace and salvation.
5. Sing of Jesus' suffering, dying, and resurrection.
 - a. "Living he loved me, dying he saved me, buried he carried my sins far away. Rising he justified freely forever. One day he's coming, oh, glorious day."
 - b. "On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross, where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. So I'll cherish that old rugged cross till my trophies at last I lay down. I will cling to the old rugged cross and exchange it someday for a crown."
 - c. "He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me and talks with me along narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart. You ask me how I know he lives: he lives within my heart."
6. These are some songs to sing of the excellent things God has done.

B. Sing Unto The Lord, For These Things Are Known In All The Earth

1. When we sing and speak of God's great doings, we are simply reminding the world of it.
2. It is known around the world that God is one God and that he created the world
3. It is known by many thousands that Jesus died and was buried and resurrected the third day.
4. But many have forgotten and put that information aside so they can enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.
5. Let us remind the world about something they know in their own minds.
6. Romans 1:19 *Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.*
7. They need to be reminded of God's great power and about his Son, who can save to the uttermost them that come to him by faith, believing the Gospel of Jesus: his death, burial, and resurrection.

VI. SHOUT OF THE NEW DAY, 12:6

- A. Now, if all of the things we have considered today are true, then it is time to SHOUT.
- B. The world is a wonderful place to live, because God has made it and has given it to us for our enjoyment.
- C. But saved people know that there is a joy much greater than that.
- D. The inhabitants of Zion are the saved who have a king in Zion (Jesus) who has been set there by God the Father.
- E. And "great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."
- F. The Holy One of Israel is God our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Lord. He is in our midst.
- G. Let us cry out and rejoice because of this.
- H. Let us shout AMEN and HALLELUJAH because of that.
- I. Let us shout the Gospel message to everyone, announcing that the Son of Man is come.

- J. Matthew 18:11 *For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.*
- K. Are you lost today? I am shouting the message. Come to Jesus by faith by God's grace.