PRAISE FOR DELIVERANCE

Isaiah 25:1 - 10a

Devotional Reading: Ephesians 1:3 - 14 Background Scripture: Isaiah 25; Daniel 6:10 - 28

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

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- SUMMARIZE the historical context of Isaiah the man
- CONNECT Isaiah's historical context to his specific assurances of God's faithfulness
- WRITE a personal testimony to God's faithfulness

INTRODUCTION: How great is our God! In Chapters 23 - 27 of his Book, Isaiah addresses the whole world. He says that God has pronounced judgment on a "city". The city is not named and could represent any city of oppressive rulers. Israel was surrounded by a world of pagan nations. This text celebrates God's deliverance. In Chapter 24, God's judgment on Judah is detailed. Then, Isaiah praises God for His victorious rule over the world. God had made promises about His people. He is now fulfilling them. This Chapter is a song of praise to the Lord from the believing remnant.

Praise the Lord	Isaiah 25:1 - 5
The Lord Hosts a Banquet	verses 6 - 8

Summary: Isaiah predicts deliverance for God's people. This text is a part of a bigger portion of Scripture, Isaiah 24 and 25, which describes apocalyptic and eschatological literature. The prophet begins by describing the destruction God caused upon the enemies of His people. God made promises to His people. He has not forgotten those promises. God is faithful. Though His plan began long ago, it will be fulfilled in His time. God has given us free will. He allows us to decide to accept His free gift of eternal life, or listen to the lies of the enemy, and therefore, spend eternity separated from Him.

Questions:

- 1. What effects could you anticipate if you reminded yourself daily of the wonderful promises God has fulfilled?
- 2. In what ways does the church demonstrate God's concern for the poor?
- 3. When considering death, do you tend to dwell on the certainty of God's work or the uncertainty of exactly what life after death will be like?

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DAY/DATE	SCRIPTURE	
Mon., Oct. 14th	Redemption Through Christ's Blood	Ephesians 1:3 – 14
Tue., Oct. 15th	Praise God for New Birth	1 Peter 1:3 – 12
Wed., Oct. 16th	May Your God Deliver You	Daniel 6:10 – 17
Thurs., Oct. 17th	God Shut the Lions' Mouths	Daniel 6:18 – 28
Fri., Oct. 18th	Deborah's Song of Deliverance	Judges 5:1 - 5, 12 - 22
Sat., Oct. 19 th	Praising God with a Loud Voice	Luke 17:11 - 18
Sun., Oct. 20th	God's Victory Feast	Isaiah 25:1 - 10a