

## **Isa 33** **Sep 19, 2021**

### **The Lord delivers Zion Isa 33:5-6**

5 The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. 6 And He will be the stability of your times, A wealth of salvation, wisdom and knowledge; The fear of the LORD is his treasure.

“He (Jesus) has filled Zion with ...”

1Cor 1:30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,

“He will be the **stability** of your times”

stability = firmness or faithfulness; in Hab 2:4 where it is translate “faith” instead of “faithfulness” in accord with Paul’s use of the verse in Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11 (Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament)

Hab 2:4 ... the righteous will live by his faith

“The fear of the LORD is his treasure”

Bible definitions of the fear of the Lord:

the “beginning” of knowledge (Prov 1:7)

the “beginning” of wisdom (Prov 9:10; Ps 111:10)

is to live in holiness (Prov 14:2 ; Eccl 12:13)

### **The King’s reign in Zion Isa 33:13-24**

#### **He is like a consuming fire 33:13-15**

13 “You who are far away, hear what I have done; And you who are near, acknowledge My might.” 14 Sinners in Zion are terrified; Trembling has seized the godless. “Who among us can live with the consuming fire? Who among us can live with continual burning?” 15 He who walks righteously and speaks with sincerity, He who rejects unjust gain And shakes his hands so that they hold no bribe; He who stops his ears from hearing about bloodshed And shuts his eyes from looking upon evil;

Those who are far off and those who are near

Isa 57:19 Peace, peace to him who is far and to him who is near,” Says the LORD, ...

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ - Eph 2:17 and He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; (see Eph 2:11-22).

Sinners and the godless are terrified and respond in repentance.

2 Cor 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (Phil 2:12-13; Eph 5:21).

Living with “consuming fire”; “continual burning”

Mal 3:2 “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. 3 “He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the LORD offerings in righteousness.

Heb 12:28-29 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.

## **The blessings and benefits of repentance and faith in Christ Isa 33:16-24**

16 He will dwell on the heights, His refuge will be the impregnable rock; His bread will be given him, His water will be sure. 17 Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; They will behold a far-distant land. 18 Your heart will meditate on terror: "Where is he who counts? Where is he who weighs? Where is he who counts the towers?" 19 You will no longer see a fierce people, A people of unintelligible speech which no one comprehends, Of a stammering tongue which no one understands. 20 Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts; Your eyes will see Jerusalem, an undisturbed habitation, A tent which will not be folded; Its stakes will never be pulled up, Nor any of its cords be torn apart. 21 But there the majestic One, the LORD, will be for us A place of rivers and wide canals On which no boat with oars will go, And on which no mighty ship will pass— 22 For the LORD is our judge, The LORD is our lawgiver, The LORD is our king; He will save us— 23 Your tackle hangs slack; It cannot hold the base of its mast firmly, Nor spread out the sail. Then the prey of an abundant spoil will be divided; The lame will take the plunder. 24 And no resident will say, "I am sick"; The people who dwell there will be forgiven their iniquity.

They dwell on the heights (v. 16)

literally, inhabit heights - live, as it were, in the perpetual presence of God.

Heb 4:16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb 10:19; Eph 1:11)

Their refuge is the impregnable rock [Messiah] (v. 16)

strongholds of rocks (i.e. rocky strongholds) shall be his refuge. He shall fly to God, as his "Rock and his Fortress"

**"the impregnable rock"** - the place of protection

Jn 10:27-29 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. (Dt 33:27; Ps 18:31; 46:1; 62:6-7; Ro 8:31-32,38-39; Phil 4:7)

They are secure in God's provision (v. 16)

**"bread and water"** - all that is necessary for his support and sustenance.

Phil 4:19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

They behold the beauty of the King (v. 17)

Ps 27:4 One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD And to meditate in His temple.

Their habitation is undisturbed (v. 20)

Ps 125:1-2 Those who trust in the LORD Are as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever. 2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His people From this time forth and forever. (Ps 46:5; Isa 32:18)

The Lord is for them (v. 21)

Rom 8:31-32 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? (Ps 56:9; 118:6)

The Lord is their: (v. 22)

Judge; Lawgiver; King; Savior;

The lame share in the inheritance (v. 23)

None are sick (v. 24)

1Pt 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. (Ps 103:3; Ex 15:26)

Their sins are forgiven (v. 24)

Jer 31:33-34 "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, " I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. "They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

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