

## **“The Song of Life”** **Isaiah 26**

### **Deliverance V. 1-6**

The City – Built on salvation, righteousness, faith, trust, and peace not stone and mortar. An eternal city built by God with open confident gates for all the righteous to enter. The prideful and unrighteous will be trampled by the inhabitants. *Psalm 37:1-7*

### **Dependency V. 7-19**

“Path” V. 7-8 – God’s path, not ours. His path is the best, known by Him and designed specifically for us. *1 Samuel 2:1-10*

“Yearns” V. 9 – Not just an emotional feeling but a seeking and manifestation of God’s character in life. *Psalm 42*

“Learn” V. 10-11 – Love without limits is enabling. The wicked will only learn through consequences and discipline. *Hebrews 12:3-11*

“Ordain” V. 12 – establish, set aside. God has established and accomplished all things and set aside peace for us. *Job 12:7-25*

“Glorified” V. 13-15 – God rules over all nations, the righteous are enlarged and the wicked are remembered no more. This is done to Glorify God. *Judges 7:2*

“Wind” V. 16-18 – Emptiness. All the strivings of man are futile and empty.

*Ecclesiastes 2:24-26*

“Rise” V. 19 – Resurrection is the blessed hope of all. Death and trials are not the eternal inheritance, but life and joy. *Philippians 3:1-11*

### **Promise V. 26:20-27:1**

Judgment is sure for the unrighteous and protection is sure for the faithful. In Canaanite mythology Leviathan was chaos slain by one of the gods so order can prevail. God is ultimate order who will bring judgment on sin and evil. *Revelation 20:1-3, 10*

### **Five prescriptions for living in difficult times:**

1. **Trust God** – Verse 3 connects trust and peace. “Mind” in Hebrew is *yaser* which means imagination. Focus on God and peace is the end result. *Philippians 4:6-9*
2. **Honor God alone V. 13** – We honor God through our actions not in word alone. *1 John 5:1-5*
3. **Believe God can do what we cannot** – Know and remember God’s sovereignty. *Malachi 3:16-18*
4. **Hold fast to the resurrection** – This is our eternal hope and life. *Revelation 2:10*
5. **Focus on the real enemy** – Satan and our own human nature. *1 Peter 5:6-11*

### **Discussion Questions**

What has God delivered you from?

In what ways have you depended on God?

What promises of God lift you up in the difficult times in life?

### **Homework**

**Read *Isaiah Ch. 27***

**Answer the following questions:**

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

**Review and remind yourself daily of the five prescriptions and live them out.**