**Title: Open the Gates, that the Righteous Nation May Enter in**

**Title: The Slaying of the Serpent and the Salvation of the Saints**

**Text: Isaiah 26 & 27**

**CONNECT: September 14, 2025**

**Connect to One Another:**

* For this week’s Mission Moment, watch the update from Matt & Sherina Wiese, our mission partners in SE ASIA. Pray for the Wieses, as well as for those needs in your Connect group.
* Isaiah 24–27 describes God’s judgment upon the rebellious and salvation for the remnant that will occur on the Day of the LORD. When is the Day of the LORD? Who is the remnant?

**Connect to the WORD:**

*Isaiah 26**is a song of salvation which the church sings in the present day as it awaits the coming of the Lord and the completion of its salvation on the last day.*

1. **The Present Security of the Saved (vv. 1–6).** Isaiah depicts salvation as a pilgrimage to the holy city where the saints find refuge from the coming storm of God’s wrath upon the nations.

* Why are the saints secure in Christ (vv. 1, 4–6)? What are they secure from?
* Who finds security in Christ (vv. 2–4)?

1. **The Present Sadness of the Saved (vv. 7–18).** These verses form a lament, with a declaration of praise in the middle (v. 12). What do we lament in this present age?
2. **The Future Salvation of the Saved (v. 19).** The Christian pilgrimage ends in death, but death will be swallowed up forever (25:8). How does the hope of the resurrection sustain the weary saint? How often do you meditate upon this hope?

In vv. 20–21, Isaiah calls his listeners to enter the safety of Zion. How does one do this? Are you in safe in Zion?

*Isaiah 27 reveals that on the Day of the LORD, Satan will be defeated and destroyed, and the saints will be saved.*

**The Slaying of the Serpent** **(v. 1).** The saints cannot be saved until Satan, who held them in bondage (Heb 2:14–15), is slain.

* ***Who is Leviathan?***Refer to Genesis 3; Job 41; Psalm 74; Revelation 12, 20.
* ***When is Leviathan slain?***How was Satan’s defeat and destruction inaugurated at Christ’s first coming (Jn 12:31; Rv 12:9–10; 20:1–3)? How will it be consummated at Christ’s second coming (Rv 20:7–10)?
* ***How is Leviathan slain?***Explain how Satan has been defeated (Heb 2:14–15), is being defeated (Eph 6:11, 17), and will be defeated (Rev 19:15).

**The Salvation of the Saints (vv. 2–13).** Isaiah celebrates five aspects of our salvation:

1. *The saints will be a fruitful vineyard (vv. 2–6).* How did the fruitless vineyard of Israel (Is 5:1–7) become a fruitful vineyard? See Jn 15:1–6.
2. *The saints have been preserved from destruction (vv. 7–8).* Do you have a testimony of this preservation?
3. *The saints will have atonement for guilt and removal of sin (v. 9).* How is sin forgiven and forsaken?
4. *The saints will see the world judged (vv. 10–11).*
5. *The saints will be gathered into Zion (vv. 12–13).* How is this an already/not yet reality?

**CONNECT to Walk It Out:**

* Are you experiencing Isaiah 26:3? Dwell in Zion by faith this week, refusing to allow circumstances to unnerve you and cause anxiety.
* What does it take to bear fruit in God’s vineyard? Abide in Christ, and let His word abide in you this week (Jn 15:5).

**Meditate on these verses this week:**

Isaiah 26–27