

A Well-Watered Garden

Isaiah 56 – 66

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God's Servant, the coming Messiah, announced:

The spirit of the Lord is upon me. I have been sent to share the good news with the poor, to set prisoners free, to give sight to the blind, to free those who suffer, to usher in the day when the salvation of the Lord abounds.

Zion, the holy mountain, the city of Jerusalem, will be renewed. The wicked will be expelled. But those who finally understand what the Lord requires will remain: those who seek justice for the oppressed and the marginalized; those who see to the needs of the hungry, the immigrant, the poor.

The Lord's arm is long enough to save you. The Lord understands your needs better than you know them yourselves. It's your rebellion that has separated you from God. Follow the Lord's example; put on the breastplate of righteousness and the helmet of salvation. Then you will know the tenderness and compassion of the Lord your God. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. You will not need the sun or the moon; the Lord will be your everlasting light. As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

Zion, the holy mountain, the new Jerusalem, will be a place for all who worship the Lord. People of every nation, every race, every gender will experience joy in the house of the Lord. For the Lord says, "My house will be a house of prayer for all peoples."

Prepare the way! The Lord, the Savior, the Redeemer comes.