

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

The Great Sword and Trumpet of the Lord

Isaiah 27

February 14, 2016

Sermon Text	Sermon Outline
<p>Isaiah 27:1 In that day the Lord with his hard and great and strong sword will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting serpent, and he will slay the dragon that is in the sea. [2] In that day, "A pleasant vineyard, sing of it! [3] I, the Lord, am its keeper; every moment I water it. Lest anyone punish it, I keep it night and day; [4] I have no wrath. Would that I had thorns and briars to battle! I would march against them, I would burn them up together. [5] Or let them lay hold of my protection, let them make peace with me, let them make peace with me." [6] In days to come Jacob shall take root, Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots and fill the whole world with fruit. [7] Has he struck them as he struck those who struck them? Or have they been slain as their slayers were slain? [8] Measure by measure, by exile you contended with them; he removed them with his fierce breath in the day of the east wind. [9] Therefore by this the guilt of Jacob will be atoned for, and this will be the full fruit of the removal of his sin: when he makes all the stones of the altars like chalkstones crushed to pieces, no Asherim or incense altars will remain standing. [10] For the fortified city is solitary, a habitation deserted and forsaken, like the wilderness; there the calf grazes; there it lies down and strips its branches. [11] When its boughs are dry, they are broken; women come and make a fire of them. For this is a people without discernment; therefore he who made them will not have compassion on them; he who formed them will show them no favor. [12] In that day from the river Euphrates to the Brook of Egypt the Lord will thresh out the grain, and you will be gleaned one by one, O people of Israel. [13] And in that day a great trumpet will be blown, and those who were lost in the land of Assyria and those who were driven out to the land of Egypt will come and worship the Lord on the holy mountain at Jerusalem.</p>	<p>Difficult times are meant to bring about humility, repentance, and purity as His provisions and promises remain sure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. We have comfort in a future that is certain<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. God's great sword (1-2)B. God's great trumpet (12-13)II. Difficulty brings humility, repentance, purification (3-11)<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. God's provision (3-5)B. God's plans (6)C. God's purging (7-11)

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1. Discuss this statement from commentator, John Oswalt-

This is not easy for us who are tempted to avoid pain at all costs. But we must realize that God does not have destruction in mind when he allows suffering to come across our path. If it is not for discipline, it may well be for a testimony of his grace in the conflict with evil. At any rate, we can know that just as Christ's sufferings led to his glory, so may ours, for God's final purpose is to lead us beyond judgment to the final ingathering.

2. What are some difficulties you have undergone that grew your faith in God?

3. How can our church family help each other during difficult times?

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: