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## "SALVATION GLORIOUS"

### Isaiah 12

#### INTRODUCTION:

Chapter 12 - Is a Hymn Of Praise.

During a recent revival in First Church, Norman, Okla. Jimell Badry told about a man who was worried, discouraged, and half sick. This man went to see his doctor. After hearing the man, and observing him, his doctor asked him a strange question: "Do you sing all the hymns in your church service?"

The man's answer was negative. There upon the doctor said -- "Go to church services, join in all the singing and if you need me after that, come back and see me". The man did not come back. "Singing creates a cheerful heart, and a cheerful heart is a good medicine". Prov. 17:22.

Isaiah is looking ahead in "that day" - Great gathering in glory.

10 - World Power - Assyria - Fades.

11 - Stem shoots forth from an old stump - Messiah.

12 - Is a song.

Three ways to interpret this prophecy.

(1) Marvellous Deliverance from Sennacherib.

Invasion by Assyrians.

Rod - God's Rule.

If so - this is an admonition to us, that when we escape from trial we should take care to celebrate the event with grateful praise.

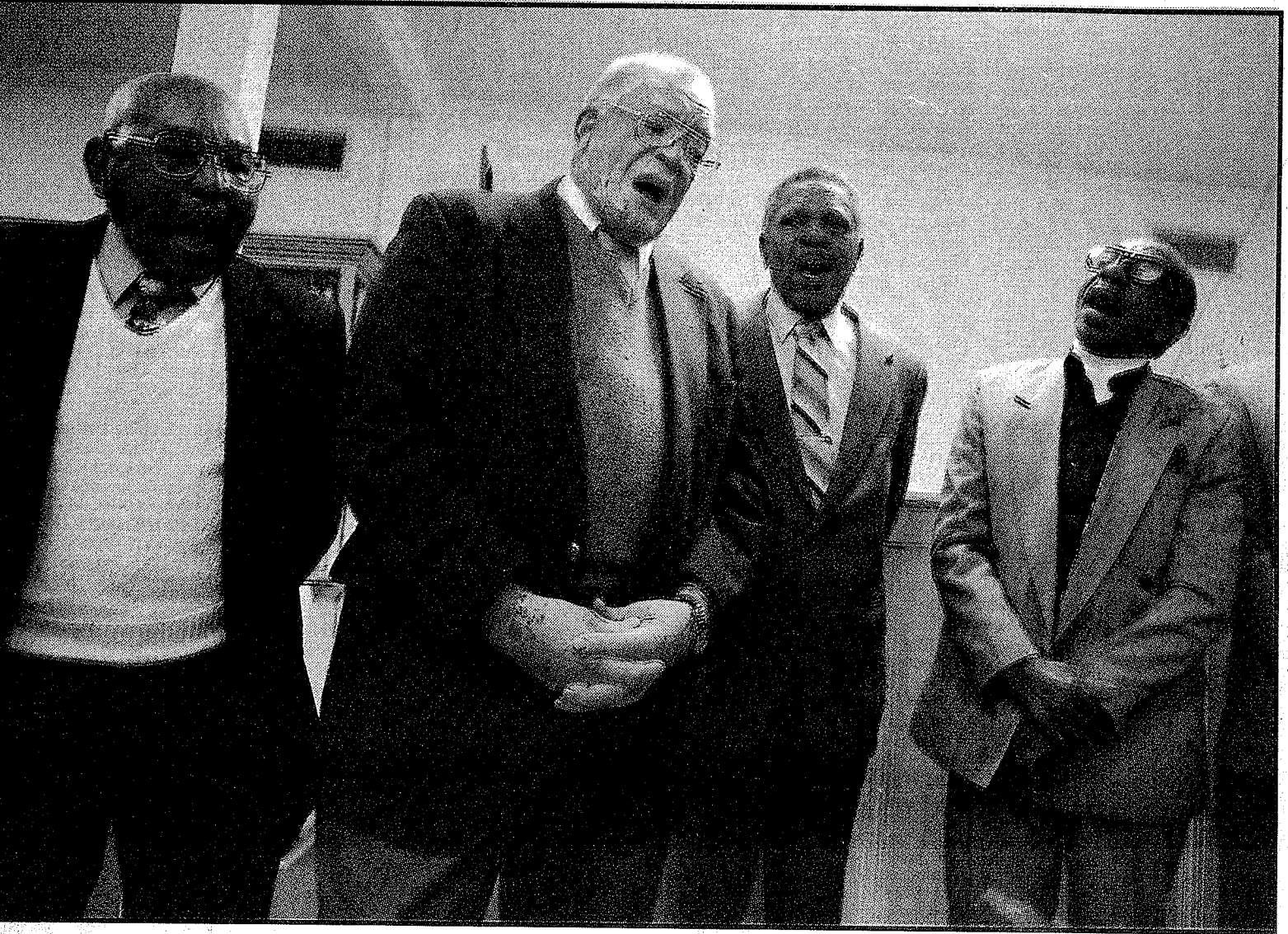
(2) Marvellous Deliverance from Sin.

Illustration of a man coming out of darkness into God's marvelous light.  
Spiritual bondage - set free.

(3) Marvellous Deliverance in "Last Days"

Mainly related to the Latter Days. Impossible to read Chapter 11 without knowing the Prophet is referring to the song of the redeemed. A song never to cease.

# Menhaden melodies



Staff photo by BILL TIERNAN

Four of the 10 members of the Chanteymen Singers carry a tune Saturday at the Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library in Lancaster. From left are James Cain, Charles Winstead, Selby Basker and Richard Tarlton.

## Fishing songs are a voyage into past

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LANCASTER, Va. — If the men sang as one, they pulled as one.

While singing slow sea chanteys about lost love, mules, men gone wrong or a mother's fears, menhaden fishermen in days of yore dragged nets bulging with half a million fish or more.

"Pulling together, you can pull anything," says James Carter of Northumberland County, sitting separately accomplishes nothing.

Carter, 61, is one of the youngest members of a group of 10 former menhaden fishermen in the Northern Neck who call themselves the Chanteymen Singers. They sang Saturday at the Woman's Club Building in Lancaster as part of an African-American history program.

The menhaden is a 1 pound, toothless fish, 10 to 15 inches long, that travels in huge, packed schools. The fishermen's pay used to be based on the size of the catch. So if only 10,000 or so menhaden were trapped in a net, the fishermen would pull them up in indifferent

### SONG OF THE SEA

Here's part of a typical chantey:

**Chanteyman:** "I got a muley on the mountain, called him Jerry, bring him down."

**Fishermen:** "Lawd, Lawd, bring him down!"

**Chanteyman:** "If I go get him, who in the world goin' to ride him? Gonna ride him myself."

**Fishermen:** "Lawd, lawd, gonna ride him myself."

— the fishermen's voices rang loud and clear as they almost hypnotized themselves into greater effort, perfectly synchronized.

Menhaden chanteys have lost their place on the water since the mid-1950s, when mechanized reels began hauling in the nets. The menhaden harvest remains huge: more than 350,000 tons a year on the East Coast. But there's no reason to sing while a machine does the hardest work.

strained every muscle to pull up their nets.

"I caught 57 million one year" after the machines came aboard, he said, "and never had to do anything but work that lever."

But for 25 years, people were after him to gather a group of chantey singers to preserve their work songs. The Chanteymen Singers finally formed last July to perform at a Reedville Fishermen's Museum ceremony. Saturday's performance was their fifth, with more invitations waiting.

The 10 of them are one of only two menhaden chantey groups on the East Coast. The other is the Menhaden Chanteymen of Beaufort, N.C.

The chanteys resemble the songs railroad crews once sang as they pounded spikes. They are rhythmic and deliberate. One singer bellows a line, and the others repeat it or comment on it in rich harmony.

The lead singer, called a chanteyman, was considered priceless in a purse boat, because he could inspire the men to greater effort.

Occasionally as many as 70 yachts would pull close to the fishing boats, so idle people

Young woman Hostess doing best entertain  
The visiting pastor - even played a selection  
the piano & sang for him.

Do you enjoy good music asked Hostess  
yes, I do, said the pastor, but just go right  
ahead.

As there any instrument you can play, Hostess  
asked the visiting choragman.

Not away from home he replied.

and what do you play at home she insisted  
"second fiddle" the pastor truthfully replied.

Our largest prison is, Sing - Sing -

Learn to sing in your Darbarn  
sick room "abide with me" -

Paul & Silas - Phillipi - sing  
midnight -

It remains to be sung to the future - "That day" - has not yet come, nor can it while his are scattered in a strange land.

First - The Solution - Verse 1.

Second - The Saviour - Verse 2.

Third - The Son - Verse 4-5.

Fourth - The Security - Verse 6.

### I. The Solution - Verse 1

Verse 1 - Believers are here taught to give thanks and praise for the solution.

"In that Day" - Prelude - Tuning of the instruments. "Day" of divine power.

"Thou shalt say" - indicates the singer - one by one. As individuals.

Religion is an individual matter. You as a broken hearted sinner must confess.

Song - All concerning the Lord.

(Anger turned) God has reason to be angry with us.

Repentant memories.

Can a man know this? Can he be sure his sins have been forgiven? He can be sure of pardon. There is now no condemnation and one may know whether he is trusting in Jesus.

In humility confession is made.

God is faithful - "Comfortest Me" - Some of you have been forgiven - but are you praising God as you should? If not, how do you expect to join in the day spoken of here in this Scripture.

Previous chapter - points to reign of the Messiah - the ingathering - the millennium.

This applies to the spiritual child.

Previous state - anger - wrath of God not blind. Natural state of man exposes man to divine anger.

What does God survey in the sinner? Impurity rejecting Christ.

Every intelligent person knows whether he is under the divine anger.

This is known by conscience. People in Sodom knew this.

Joy of a change. Anger turned. Enmity - opposition to God. Evil. Confessed and forsaken it and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.

No Neutral state in respect to God. Anger is removed. Favor is bestowed. Guilt and sin gone.

Three pictures:

God angry with the sinner.

God reconciled to the sinner.

God comforting the sinner.

There is nothing that could be more appropriate than this prophecy with a song of praise.

Every impulse of the Christian inspires him to break forth, in a song of deliverance of such triumphs to the Kingdom of Christ.

Zion is here personified as if one person. The hand of God once stretched out in Judgment, is now extended in mercy. His anger is now turned away.

The Christian will not complain - special cause to praise - turning his anger away.

## II. The Saviour - Verse 2-3

Verse 2 - Believers triumph is in God. God is my salvation. I will trust. In him I am safe.

Lord Jehovah - His name is high above the earth.

Jehovah - Jireh (Gen. 22:14) The Provider, Theme Psa. 23:1.

Jehovah - Shalom (Judges 6:24) Our Peace, Theme Psa. 2.

Jehovah - Rophi (Exo. 15:26) Our Healer, Theme Psa. 3.

Jehovah - Tsidkenu (Jer. 23:6) Our Righteousness, Theme Psa. 3.

Jehovah - Shammah (Ezek. 48:35) His Presence, Theme Psa. 4.

Jehovah - Nissi (Ex. 17:15) Our Banner, Theme Psa. 5.

The Lord our Shepherd is, He knows our every need. And since we now are His, His care our souls will feed. In vain do sin and death oppose, for God is stronger than our foes.

*At Time Isa. had word salvation!*

Lord! I thank Thee for salvation  
Grace so mighty and so free;  
Take my all in consecration,  
Glory thyself in me.

*Root meaning*

*Isa 1:18 Way of salvation.*

*7:4 Told them conditions of salvation.*

Lord Jehovah - signify his eternity and unchangeableness.

God had brought thee out of the land of Egypt. All the deliverances accomplished through Him.

*Exodus 15:2 quoted from song of Moses.*

Must have been excitement and triumph, fleeing slaves, armed warriors, prancing horses, chariots, pressed them. Great waves roll in.

Stand still and see the salvation of God. Red Sea bright banners - sands - dragging wheels - God was magnified that day.

Song goes up - Bible full of song.

God is become our salvation - deliverance.

Verse 3 - Discription - 1, Strength, 2 Song, 3 Joy.

Wells of salvation - water drawn from the wells of salvation.

Image in hot country - living water.

Feast of Tabernacles - The Jews used to bring water in a golden pitcher from the fountain of Siloam and pour it, mingled with wine, on the sacrifice on the altar, with great rejoicing.

Story - Finding fresh water in a hot country. French engineers were boring for water in the Africian desert - Arabs looked on in silent wonder until they saw the precious stream actually gushing forth and then their joy knew no bounds - sweet - cool water in the desert.

Poet often wrote of village girls singing at the wells.

The everlasting love of the Father - the joy. I Cor. 10:4. "And did all drink the same spiritual drink; for they drank of that spiritual rock that followed them; and that Rock was Christ."

Rev. 22:1-2 "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb."

Wells - Theme of the Bible - not found in man. Found in love of God. Flow to sinners.

Not rills that may dry up or fail.

Water - beautiful symbol - life.

Revives - a traveler.

Cleanses - so does salvation.

Woman at the well.

Joy - only experienced by such water.

*John 4:6-10*

*55:1 To Everyone That Thirsts,  
Come ye to the waters etc.*

Rom. 15:13 - Past, Present, Future.

*[Satisfying Water]*

Many think of salvation in the past - got harm out of the way.

What is God's grace doing for us now? Is it making us purer, nobler?

Comprehensive - glorious salvation - from God. All the wells of salvation are in

Christ - John 8:37, 38. I Cor. 1:30, Col. 1:19.

Free.

III. The Singing - Verse 4-5

Verse 4 - Praise the Lord - How?

- A. Honor His Name.
- B. Declare His Doings.

Praise Him by prayer - thanks for mercy.

Praise Him by preaching - speak to others concerning him.

Declare his doings among the people - witness. (Means Proclaim)

Charles Wesley.

Gratitude and thanking the Lord is important. Psa. 34:3. "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together".

Lady 74 years old - Charles Wesley called upon her. He noted a gap in the old thatched roof, asked with sympathy, "What do you do when the rain comes down?"

"Just thank God, that the hole is no bigger".

Visiting her on a winter day thinking of the comfort I had left I ask "Betty, who is taking care of you?" She lifted her hand and with a look of conviction - "The Almighty".

"And what can I do for you?"

With a smile that any Queen might envy the feeble woman looked up and said, "Can you help me praise Him for all that He has done for me?"

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King the Triumphs of His grace.

Psa. 145:2 Everyday will I bless Thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

I will praise my Maker while I've breath,

And when my voice is lost in death,

Praise shall employ my nobler powers;

My days of praise shall ne'er be past,

While life, and thought, and being last,

Or immortality endures".

Isaac Watts

Verse 5 - Praise the Lord through singing.

E. F. Hallock said singing to him was like medicine. 21 years old. and had the blues. Working for the Rock Island R. R. Inspector of box car roofs of freight trains. One morning climbing up the side of the box car "when I began to sing out loud -



"Stand up, Stand up for Jesus" -- to my amazement sunshine flooded my soul.

I've been singing ever since.

You say I don't feel like singing - that's when you need it most. It won't cost you money and it will give you what money can not buy. Sing at daily tasks. Housework, ploughing - milking - today mechanizations of industry melody replaced by modern best of machines.

*Conversation with Bob Pleasant - "I'm not afraid to die"*

Something to sing about.

It is known in all the earth.

They took Jesus and put a cross upon him. A large crowd followed him. Women were weeping. Two criminals were put to death with Jesus. A place called skull they nailed Jesus to the cross. He spoke - Father forgive them. They divided his clothes. Soldiers made fun. A sign - "This is the King of the Jews". Criminal "Save yourself and us!" Sun stop shining. Messiah died. Army officer "He was a good man." Pilate gave the body to Joseph. Placed him in a new grave. Women prepared spices and ointments on the Sabbath. Early Sunday - stone rolled away. Raised to life on 3rd day. Disciples rushed to the empty grave. They went everywhere saying "The Lord is risen indeed." The resurrection has been declared among the people. Marvelous works of God. Known in all the earth.

#### IV. The Security - Verse 6

Verse 6 - Cry and Shout - at the creation. "All the sons of God shouted for joy."

In heaven thousands say with Loud voice "worthy is the Lamb that was slain".

Contrast to shout of victory - Ex. 32:18.

The redeemed - sing a new song.

Teacher - Class of deaf and dumb girls to write "What is the sweetest emotion?"

One wrote - Joy - Love - Gratitude - Repentance.

Prodigal son would say his aching breast found repentance a joy.

Who are called upon to praise God? Inhabitants of Zion.

Closing picture of this age.

For what are they to Praise? He the glorified one who was raised on the 3rd day is WITH them!

Unified them - His people - in the midst!

Dr. Billy Graham - described a party he once attended which was given by Willie Reynolds. Among the guests Jack Demmon, Glenn Ford, Eddie Adams, Judy Garland

(Everyone of them), admitted that they had thought that once they were a star & successful, they would find fulfillment. But they had not found it. Fame & fortune, you see, he concluded "is not fulfillment", "Fulfillment is knowing God"

Rom 6:9 "Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead shall no more, death hath no more dominion over him."