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“Marvelous” with Bishop Walter Hawkins
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDsEycdNRL8>

“Marvelous” with David Mann
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISk4mPMpLuo>

“Take It to Jesus” with Tamala and David Mann
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9N8Bd3YF56Y>

“Just a Little Talk With Jesus” with Gaither TV
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aU4oMhncApc>

“You are My Song” with Fred Hammond
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fnOIShNBjyw>

“All Things are Working” with Fred Hammond
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyHIzQvKhcE>

“I Will Trust” with Fred Hammond
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MyCdFDXxMNQ>

“I AM” with Jonathan Nelson
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59H1hntyGMA>

“Here in Our Praise” with Fred Hammond
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2BUGoMcWn8>

“Fill Me Up” with Casey J
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Inywc7hW14s>

“Made a Way” with Travis Greene
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDnrYaDPcig>

“You’re Bigger” with Jekalyn Carr

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLk9U3W6f9U>

“Awesome God” with the Brown Sisters

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Discovering and Becoming Joyous Wells of Salvation

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Praise the Lord! How’s it going? It’s been awhile, and I apologize for that. I am so glad and thankful that there is always a Word from the Lord, and hope that you also see how we all can count on God to be in us *a well of water springing up into everlasting life, John 4:14b.*

Isaiah 12, all six verses of the entire chapter, describes us discovering wells of salvation and becoming a well of salvation. Verse 3 explains that *with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation, Isaiah 12:3.*

Verses one and two explain this day when we find salvation. **That day will be a day of forgiveness.** *And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me, Isaiah 12:1.*

This day of salvation will also be a day of renewed strength, trust, and confidence in God, as expressed in verse 2. *Behold, God is my salvation: I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song: he also is become my salvation, Isaiah 12:2.*

We will discover and draw water out of plural wells of salvation. God gives us many wells of salvation in work opportunities; in our churches; in our friends; in our romantic relationships; in strangers sharing love; in strangers sharing the Gospel. There are places of strength and forgiveness for all of us.

The second half of *Isaiah 12* expresses how we can become wells of salvation by knowing who God is, letting that sink down into our souls, and expressing it in praise. God becomes that well within us on our days of salvation.

4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted, Isaiah 12:4.

The key to the mechanism of this chapter and to salvation in our lives is that God's salvation in us is the very substance of our praise. The substance of God's forgiveness becomes our praise of God's deeds in our lives. The substance of God's strength in us becomes our praise of God's excellence and glory.

Structurally, verse 4 explains verse 1 and verse 5 explains verse 2. I praise God for God's wonderful deeds in my life when I understand God's forgiveness. Look at part of verse 2 again: *O Lord, I will praise thee: thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.* God was angry with me. But God did not act on God's feelings about me. God didn't just turn away His anger. God reached out to me and comforted me at the very time that God was angry.

When we can receive God's forgiveness and see what God does for us despite how we know what God did and should feel about our deeds, praise of what God does in our lives will spring up from our souls. God loved me and comforted me when I didn't deserve to be loved. God loved me when God did not feel good about what I had done or about me.

Similarly, God becomes a well in us that expresses His glory when we trust God and see what God does in our lives. Consider the strength we find when we trust God in verse 2: *I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song: he also is become my salvation, Isaiah 12:2.* Somebody has become mighty wonderful when they become a song in our lives. When we sing a song and think of somebody, we think of how awesome they are.

In salvation, God will be that glorious and wonderful in our lives. Therefore, in ourselves, God becomes a song and we can *sing unto the Lord: for he hath done excellent things: Isaiah 12:5.* This song comes from the glorious and surprising and excellent ways that God shows up in our lives when we trust God. “I didn’t know the way. But look at what God did when I trusted and leaned on the Lord.”

Many Biblical versions of *Isaiah 12:5b* speak in the imperative for us to become wells of salvation. “Let this be known in all the earth.” (See the NIV or NRSV versions.) Let God’s praise be known in all the earth. God’s praise can become a well inside each and every one of us. *Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee, Isaiah 12:6.*

God bless us. I hope we find the wells of salvation that bring us the joy that God wants us. And in that day, we will praise our forgiving God for what He was done for us and glorify God for His excellent work in our lives. We will be those wells of salvation.

God is wonderful!

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