

Text : **Isaiah 25**

Title : **“A strength to the poor”**

INTRODUCTION

1. Connectedness

- a) Of the Scriptures
- b) Of life and ministry of the Lord Jesus
- c) Of the Christmas Message and our Ministry

2. Challenges

- a) To be refreshed
- b) To be revived

A FRESH APPRECIATION OF WHO GOD IS

*¹O LORD, You are my God.
I will exalt You,
I will praise Your name,
For You have done wonderful things;
Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.*

*²For You have made a city a ruin,
A fortified city a ruin,
A palace of foreigners to be a city no more;
It will never be rebuilt.*

*³Therefore the strong people will glorify You;
The city of the terrible nations will fear You.*

Isaiah 25:1-3

1. God is known by:

- a) His name
- b) His wonderful things (deeds)
- c) His counsels which are characterized by faithfulness and truth

2. Responses to God

- a) He is to be exalted
- b) He is to be praised
- c) He is to be glorified
- d) He is to be feared

A REMINDER OF GOD'S PROMISES

*⁴ For You have been a strength to the poor,
A strength to the needy in his distress,
A refuge from the storm,
A shade from the heat;
For the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.*

*⁵ You will reduce the noise of aliens,
As heat in a dry place;
As heat in the shadow of a cloud,
The song of the terrible ones will be diminished.*

Isaiah 25:4-5

1. Strength promised

- a) God is a strength to the poor
- b) He is a strength to the needy

2. Refuge and shade promised

- a) A refuge from the storm
- b) A shade from the heat
- c) A wall against the power of terrible enemies

TRUSTING GOD FOR THE FUTURE

*He will swallow up death forever,
And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces;
The rebuke of His people
He will take away from all the earth;
For the LORD has spoken.*

Isaiah 25:8

1. Death need not be feared

Death would be swallowed up forever

2. Tears will be wiped away

The LORD will give His special comfort

A FITTING RESPONSE

*And it will be said in that day:
"Behold, this is our God;
We have waited for Him, and He will save us.
This is the LORD;
We have waited for Him;
We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."*

Isaiah 25:9

1. Renewing of our faith in God

"Behold, this is our God;" Isaiah 25:9b

2. Waiting on the LORD

*We have waited for Him, and He will save us.
This is the LORD;
We have waited for Him; Isaiah 25:9c*

3. Rejoicing in the LORD

We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation. Isaiah 25:9d

- a) Gladness of heart
- b) Rejoicing in the salvation of God
- c) Every reason to have fulness of joy

CONCLUSION

1. Facing Challenges in life

- a) Illness
- b) Sorrow
- c) Death

2. Finding Faith

- a) In the Scriptures
- b) In faith
- c) In the Lord