

THE MASTERCRAFT:

“THE WILDERNESS WILL BLOSSOM”

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Text ISAIAH 35 (NIV & NKJV)

We will take this chapter in its entirety.

If you do not have a wilderness in your life right now, please think of someone around you who has wilderness and join your faith with theirs so they blossom.

“The Message translation” titles this chapter “**The Voiceless Break into Song**”
Anyone who embraces Isaiah 35 with faith will break into song as God fulfills for them what this chapter promises.

Luke 1:45 says “Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!” (NIV)

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VS1: ¹The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.

Parched - dried out by heat or excessive exposure to sunlight; "**land** lying baked in the heat".

Brethren, this depicts issue beyond ones control. You are completely helpless and yet exposed to very excessive pressure and heat.

VS2: Like the crocus (rose), ² the wilderness will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, The excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, The excellency of our God.

Brethren, Lebanon is blessed with a distinct species of tree called the cedar of Lebanon, it is evergreen and has great religious significance and used to connote glory. **The excellency of Carmel** - Carmel was emblematic of beauty, as Lebanon

was of glory, and as Sharon was of fertility.

Isaiah 60:13. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee — As Lebanon furnished cedars, and other choice timber, for building and beautifying Solomon's temple, so shall different nations contribute what is most excellent and suitable among them for supporting, establishing, enlarging, and adorning the vineyard of Christ (in your care), here called the place of God's sanctuary (Benson commentary)

- “The representation is that the barren hills which stand about Jerusalem shall, in the new state of things, be decked with tall and beautiful forest trees, all the sylvan scenery of Lebanon being transported to Southern Palestine, **so as to encompass the city of God with a garden as delightful as that of Eden.**
- The spiritual meaning is that graces of all kinds shall abound in and around the holy city, and shall make it beautiful and glorious.” (Pulpit commentary)

God will cause bloom on that wilderness that is presented to Him as a sanctuary. God says the wilderness will burst into blossom. This can burst suddenly; in a twinkle of an eye.

VS3-4: ³ So strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; ⁴ say to those with fearful hearts “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, He will come with vengeance; with divine retribution (punishment); He will come to save you.” We said a **Parched land (vs1)** depicts issue beyond ones control. You are completely helpless and yet exposed to very excessive pressure and heat.

God says He will come with “**vengeance**”. Anyone who inflicted that on you will not go unpunished.

Isaiah 54: 15-17 “¹⁵ If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing; **whoever attacks you will surrender to you.** ¹⁶ “See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to wreak havoc; ¹⁷ no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me,” declares the LORD.

Brethren, pick courage, strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees, do not fear.

What does God Expect from You When After He Saved You and Caused Your Wilderness to Blossom?

VS5-6: ⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.

God gives us a Ministry through our circumstance.

On Nov 22, our message focused on “Sowing the Seed of God’s Protection”

We learnt from Noah who sowed seed of salvation, obedience and resilience and thus was the only one saved from the flood.

In Acts 3:⁹ When all the people saw him jumping up and down and heard him glorifying God, ¹⁰ they realized it was the crippled beggar ... Astonishment swept over the crowd, for they were amazed over what had happened to him.

“There were many in the crowd who believed the message, bringing the total number of men who believed to nearly five thousand! (Acts 4:4).

We sow our seed through our testimony.- jumping up/down and glorifying God,

✓ **Remind God of Isaiah 35 without ceasing (Many times a day is not too much)**

VS6-6: Water will gush forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. ⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

✓ **As God answers, share your testimony with as many people as you can reach**

VS8-10: ⁸ And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.

✓ **God will continue to protect you and make your vineyard blossom**

VS9-10: ⁹ No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, ¹⁰ and those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.