

Bible Verse of the Day: Advent Season, Isaiah 52:7-9

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How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who proclaims peace,
who brings good news of happiness,
who proclaims salvation,
who says to Zion,
"Your God reigns!"
Your watchmen lift up their voices;
they sing joyfully together;
for they shall see with their own eyes
when the Lord brings Zion back.
Break forth into joy, sing together,
you waste places of Jerusalem.
For the Lord has comforted His people;
He has redeemed Jerusalem.

Take Spiritual Responsibility

Israel experienced many deliverances in its history. The nation of Israel began with a mighty deliverance. David the king received many deliverances. He called upon the Lord for deliverance and was heard (Ps. 34:4). God answers the cries and prayers of His people. God's deliverance is always a sign of His love and mercy. The word *salvation* means "deliverance."

The Bible is filled with stories and deliverance and salvation. One of the greatest revelations is the revelation of self-deliverance. We can lose ourselves from any control in darkness (Isa. 52:2). We can exercise our power and authority for our own lives. Jesus told us to cast out the beam from our

own eye (Luke 6:42). The term *cast out* is the same word used in reference to casting out demons (*ekballo*).

Take spiritual responsibility for your life. Don't depend on everyone else for your spiritual well-being. Confess the Word over your life. Pray strong prayers that rout the enemy. Do not allow self-pity to hold you back. Stir yourself up to prayer. This is a key to overcoming life. {eoa}