

Volume 3 The Prophetic Books Isaiah 26:1 – 2

"In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; "We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open the gates that the righteous nation that keeps the truth may enter in." Isaiah 26:1-2

Those people whose God is the LORD is most blessed indeed! Their strength and prosperity is noted abroad and God's salvation – His peace and safety – are readily seen among the people.

But what of that righteous nation who forgets the way of God? What of their blessing and good fortune? Having forgotten God, they soon begin to boast in their own prowess and may even begin to flaunt their liberties. Soon such people become entangled in their sinful ways and all connection to God's genuine life transforming power is cutoff!

At this point in the nation's life the churches become only an extension of political or humanistic educational values and power. The savor of their once saltiness in cultural and societal transformation is lost and they soon lose their moral platform – they cease from being the nation's moral conscience!

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men." Matthew 5:13

"LORD God, may our nation once again be called the righteous nation! May we walk once again in Your ways and be found in Your favor! May the Church in our nation once again arise to be the salt and light of Your Kingdom! In Jesus' name, Amen!"

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