

Blossom as the Rose



Isaiah 30:26; 35:1–10 · This week: A Marvellous Work and a Wonder, Isaiah 13–14; 22; 24–30; 35

In the manual: **Come, Follow Me lesson 39, “A Marvellous Work and a Wonder,” on Gospel Library**

START

Isaiah 35 begins in a dry desert and ends on a highway full of people singing on their way home.

READ TOGETHER

Chapter 34 ends with a land burned and empty. Right after it, chapter 35 shows the Lord bringing a wilderness back to life.

ISAIAH 35:1

¹The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

ISAIAH 35:3–6

³Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

WHAT IT TEACHES

Verses 5 and 6 list what happens when God comes to save his people. The blind see, the deaf hear, the lame leap, and those who could not speak sing. When John the Baptist sent messengers to ask Jesus if he was the one they were waiting for, Jesus answered by pointing to these same signs (Matthew 11:2–5).

The Lord also heals what no one can see. In chapter 30, he “bindeth up the breach of his people, and

healeth the stroke of their wound.” In the King James Version, *breach* is also the word for the cracked wall in Isaiah 30:13, from Thursday’s lesson. The Lord can mend what our own choices have broken.

Sister Amy A. Wright bore this testimony in general conference. “I testify that there is nothing in your life that is broken that is beyond the curative, redeeming, and enabling power of Jesus Christ.”

Sister Amy A. Wright, “Christ Heals That Which Is Broken,” General conference, April 2022

Verse 3 gives us our part. “Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.” The Lord often does his healing through people who help each other up, and verse 10 ends with the ransomed coming home “with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Whose hands feel weak right now, in our family or among our friends? What is one thing we could do this week to help strengthen them?

TAKE TO CHURCH

Jesus Christ heals what is broken. Isaiah 35 shows him turning a desert into a garden, and he asks us to strengthen the weak hands along the way.