

Titus 2: 11-12

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

<sup>12</sup> Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

**Isaiah 32:17** 

• 17 And this righteousness will bring peace. Yes, it will bring quietness and confidence forever.



## Israel's Ultimate Deliverance

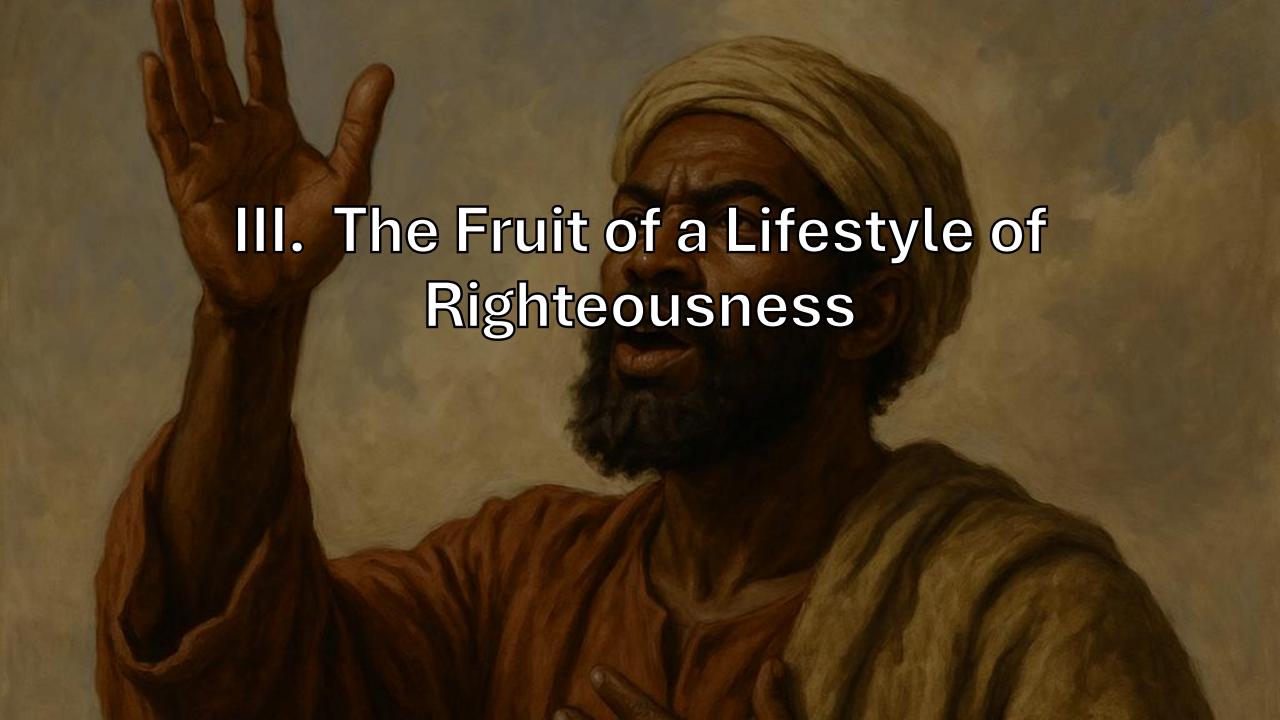
- 32 Look, a righteous king is coming! And honest princes will rule under him.
  - <sup>2</sup> Each one will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a parched land.
- <sup>3</sup>Then everyone who has eyes will be able to see the truth, and everyone who has ears will be able to hear it.
  - <sup>4</sup> Even the hotheads will be full of sense and understanding.

- <sup>5</sup> In that day ungodly fools will not be heroes. Scoundrels will not be respected.
- <sup>6</sup> For fools speak foolishness and make evil plans.
- They practice ungodliness and spread false teachings about the LORD.
- They deprive the hungry of food and give no water to the thirsty.
- <sup>7</sup>The smooth tricks of scoundrels are evil. They plot crooked schemes.
- They lie to convict the poor, even when the cause of the poor is just.
- <sup>8</sup> But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity.



- Listen, you women who lie around in ease. Listen to me, you who are so smug.
  - <sup>10</sup> In a short time—just a little more than a year—you careless ones will suddenly begin to care.
  - For your fruit crops will fail, and the harvest will never take place.
  - <sup>11</sup>Tremble, you women of ease; throw off your complacency.
  - Strip off your pretty clothes, and put on burlap to show your grief.

- <sup>12</sup> Beat your breasts in sorrow for your bountiful farms
  - and your fruitful grapevines.
  - <sup>13</sup> For your land will be overgrown with thorns and briers.
    - Your joyful homes and happy towns will be gone.
  - <sup>14</sup>The palace and the city will be deserted, and busy towns will be empty.
  - Wild donkeys will frolic and flocks will graze in the empty forts<sup>[a]</sup> and watchtowers



- 15 until at last the Spirit is poured out on us from heaven.
  - Then the wilderness will become a fertile field, and the fertile field will yield bountiful crops.
- 16 Justice will rule in the wilderness and righteousness in the fertile field.
  - <sup>17</sup> And this righteousness will bring peace. Yes, it will bring quietness and confidence forever.

- <sup>18</sup> My people will live in safety, quietly at home. They will be at rest.
- <sup>19</sup> Even if the forest should be destroyed and the city torn down,
- <sup>20</sup> the LORD will greatly bless his people. Wherever they plant seed, bountiful crops will spring up.

Their cattle and donkeys will graze freely.

## The Fruit of Righteousness

