

Reflection on Isaiah 35

Read Isaiah 35 and picture it in your mind:

- The dry, barren places now explode with life, color, and beauty. (vv.1-2)
- The weak and fearful are encouraged with astounding news:
God comes to save us! (vv.3-4)
- The blind, deaf, crippled, and mute are miraculously healed and burst with joy, just like the desert. (vv.5-7)
- A Highway is now open through these wilderness places.
It is a Highway of Holiness:
pure and
completely safe,
reserved only for God's redeemed people.
It leads to the place God's people will gather
with joy and gladness,
with sorrow gone forever.

Now picture Jesus and His earthly ministry:

- Dry, barren lives now explode with life, color, and beauty.
- The weak and fearful are encouraged: God is here to save them!
- The blind, deaf, crippled, and mute are miraculously healed and burst with joy.
- Jesus Himself is the way to the Father and to everlasting joy. (John 14:6)

Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of all the wonderful promises of Isaiah 35:

beauty,
fruitfulness,
wholeness,
abundant life, and
eternal joy.

Hymn: [Isaiah 35](#)