

## Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:8–10 (NIV)

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### 1) The future restoration of creation

Isaiah 35:1–2 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, <sup>2</sup> it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.

### 2) God's arrival to save

Isaiah 35:3–4 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; <sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."

### 3) Restoration for the broken

Isaiah 35:5–6 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. <sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

### 4) The Highway of Holiness

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