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| Isaiah  35: 1-10  Selection A9 | **A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**  **The wilderness and the parched land will exult;**  **the Arabah will rejoice and bloom;**  **like the crocus it shall bloom abundantly,**  **and rejoice with joyful song.**  **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.**  **Strengthen hands that are feeble,**  **make firm knees that are weak,**  **say to the fearful of heart:**  **be strong, do not fear!**  **Here is your God,**  **he comes with vindication;**  **with divine recompense**  **he comes to save you.**  **Then the eyes of the blind shall see,**  **and the ears of the deaf be opened;**  **then the lame shall leap like a stag,**  **and the mute tongue sing for joy.**  ***Continued on the Next Page***  **For waters will burst forth in the wilderness,**  **and streams in the Arabah.**  **The burning sands will become pools,**  **and the thirsty ground, springs of water;**  **the abode where jackals crouch**  **will be a marsh for the reed and papyrus.**  **A highway will be there,**  **called the holy way;**  **no one unclean may pass over it,**  **but it will be for his people;**  **no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray on it.**  **No lion shall be there,**  **nor any beast of prey approach, nor be found.**  **But there the redeemed shall walk,**  **and the ransomed of the LORD shall return,**  **and enter Zion singing,**  **crowned with everlasting joy;**  **they meet with joy and gladness,**  **sorrow and mourning flee away.**  **The Word of the Lord** |