Isa. 25:8, "He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove His people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken."

I think that one of the things that most people fear the most is death. So many people are afraid to die and don't have a peace about what may come next. It is natural to wonder what will happen when we die. Fortunately, our loving Father has addressed this for us. 1 Cor. 15:55-57, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our LORD Jesus Christ."

Our passage today says that He will swallow up death forever. He has this handled for us. He cares about us and will wipe away the tears from all faces. God has a plan for everyone and it includes the forgiveness of sin through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. That is our victory. That is our means of overcoming.

And then Isaiah puts a huge exclamation point on the end of this statement: *The LORD has spoken*. In essence, he is saying that because God has spoken, it is done. Amen and so shall it be. There is such comfort in knowing that when God says He will do something, He will certainly do it. We can always rely on His word. **Heb. 13:8** reminds us that He doesn't change: *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever*.

If you have not trusted in the Father and His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, there is no better time than right now. 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Dear LORD, thank You that we do not have to fear death. You have swallowed up death forever. You will wipe away our tears and give us the victory through our LORD Jesus Christ. In Jesus Name, Amen