

Come and Be Satisfied

Isaiah 55:1-13

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.

³ Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples.

⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendour.” ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. ⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.

⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. ¹² You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord’s renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.”

A. Our God Is The God Of Invitations

1. From Genesis to Revelations, we see the hand of God extended in invitation.
2. Throughout the Bible we see God inviting people to come to Him, to follow Him.
3. He invited them to partner with Him in the story He wrote throughout history.
4. He not only calls them; He also promises to provide for & protect them.

B. The Preparation for a Great Invitation

1. The book of Isaiah was written to call the nation of Judah back to God.
2. It is also to tell of God’s salvation through the coming Messiah.
3. In Isa 54, we see the preparation for a great feast.
4. It is a chapter of comfort and faith
5. A chapter guaranteeing protection

B. Now We're Prepared for a Life-Changing Invitation

1. Come and satisfy your thirst. (v.1)
2. Come and satisfy your hunger. (v.2)
3. Come and satisfy your soul. (v.3)

C. Come and Satisfy Your Thirst.

1. Thirst is common to all
 - a. We all understand this craving
 - b. We become especially thirsty in dry times
2. Thirst speaks of deep inner cravings
3. Many people make vain attempts to satisfy human thirst
 - a. Money, possessions, position, or prestige
 - b. Alcohol, other drugs, pleasure, or pride
4. Our Lord invites us to come and drink living water (John 4)
5. (John 7:37b) *"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink"*
6. Rev 21:6 & 22:17, talks about giving the thirsty water from the spring of the water of life.
7. Water is often used in Isaiah, as a common metaphor for divine grace.

D. Come and Satisfy Your Hunger

1. Hunger alerts us to the need for nourishing food
2. Spiritual hunger calls for the Bread of Life
3. Blessings are promised to the spiritually hungry (Matt. 5:6)
4. Human efforts to satisfy spiritual hunger fail
5. Only Jesus satisfies this inner appetite (John 6:35)

E. Come and Satisfy Your Soul (v. 2)

1. "Let your soul delight in abundance"
2. People search for satisfaction of soul
 - a. Spending money for that which is not bread
 - b. Labouring for things that do not satisfy
3. "Eat that which is good"
 - a. Satisfaction of soul comes through faith in Christ
 - b. All other routes to satisfaction are counterfeits

F. We Are All Invited to a Feast

1. Water to quench our thirst
2. Nourishing food to satisfy our hunger
3. Spiritual food to satisfy the soul
4. Let all hungry and thirsty ones come to Him and be satisfied.
5. Jesus paid for it all