

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

VII. Isaiah’s *Discourse* on the **Servant of God**, the **Messiah** (49:1-57:21)

- A. The *Calling* of **God’s Servant** (49:1-12)
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- E. The *Chastening* of **God’s Servant** (52:13-53:12)
- F. The *Confirming* of **God’s Future Promises** to **Israel**
(54:1-17)

G. The *Call* for a **Repentant People** (55:1-13)

1. A *Challenge* to pursue that which truly Satisfies (55:1-2)

“Ho! Every one who **thirsts**, **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** do you spend **money** for what is **not bread**,
and your **wages** for what does **not satisfy**?”

Listen carefully to **Me**, and **eat** what is **good**,
and **delight** yourself in **abundance**.

2. A *Covenant Declared* (55:3-5)
 - a. An **everlasting covenant** (55:3a)
 - b. A **covenant** according to the **mercies** shown to **David** (55:3b-4)
 - c. A **covenant** that will **call** an **unknown nation(s)** to “**run**” to **Israel** (55:5)

³“Incline your **ear** and **come** to **Me**.
Listen, that you may **live**;
and I will make an **everlasting covenant** with you,
according to the **faithful mercies** shown to **David**.”

⁴“Behold, I have made **him** a **witness** to the **peoples**,

a **leader** and **commander** for the **peoples**.

⁵ “Behold, **you** will call a **nation** you do **not** know,
and a **nation** which knows **you** **not** will **run** to **you**,

Because of the **LORD your God**, even the **Holy One of Israel**;
for **He** has **glorified you**.”

3. A **Call** to **Repentance** (55:6-7)

⁶ **Seek the LORD** while **He** may be **found**;
call upon **Him** while **He** is **near**.

⁷ Let the **wicked forsake his way**
and the **unrighteous man** his **thoughts**;

and let him **return** to the **LORD**,
and **He** will have **compassion** on him,
and to **our God**, for **He** will **abundantly pardon**.

4. A **Confirmation** of **God’s Superior Ways** (55:8-9)

⁸ “For **My thoughts** are **not your thoughts**,
Nor are **your ways My ways**,” declares the **LORD**.

⁹ “For as the **heavens** are **higher** than the **earth**,
so are **My ways higher** than **your ways**
and **My thoughts** than **your thoughts**.

5. A **Candid Portrayal** of **God’s Life-giving Word** (55:10-11)

¹⁰ “For as the **rain** and the **snow** come down from **heaven**,
and do not return there without **watering the earth**

and making it **bear** and **sprout**,
and furnishing **seed** to the **sower** and **bread** to the **eater**;

¹¹ So will **My word** be which goes forth from **My mouth**;
it will **not return** to **Me empty**,

without **accomplishing what I desire**,
and without **succeeding in the matter** for which I sent it.

6. A **Creation** of **Characterized** by **Joy** and **Renewal** (55:12-13)

¹² “For you will go out **with joy** and be led forth with **peace**;
the **mountains** and the **hills** will break forth into **shouts of joy** before you,
and all the **trees** of the field will **clap their hands**.

¹³“Instead of the **thorn bush** the **cypress** will come up,
and instead of the **nettle** the **myrtle** will come up

and it will be a **memorial to the LORD**,
for an **everlasting sign** which will **not be cut off.**”

Personal Application—Isaiah 55 **3 Key Observations...that Correlate with the Life and Ministry of Jesus the Messiah**

1. In tonight’s text we are **invited** by the **Lord** to “**come**” and “**buy wine and milk without money and without cost.**” For why do we **spend money** and **wages** on that which does **not truly satisfy**? Instead, we are instructed to **listen carefully** to **Him**, “**eat** what is **good**,” and **delight** “in **abundance** (55:1-2).” According this text and other **scriptures**, there is a **hunger** and **thirst** within the **souls of men** that **only God** can **satisfy**:

As the deer **pants** for the **water brooks**, so my soul pants for **You, O God**.

My soul thirsts for **God**, for the **living God**;

When shall I **come** and **appear** before **God**? (Psalm 42:1-2)

O God, You are my God; I shall **seek You earnestly**;

My soul thirsts for **You**, my **flesh yearns** for **You**,

In a **dry** and **weary land** where there is **no water**. (Psalm 63:1)

“Behold, days are **coming**,” declares the **Lord GOD**,

“When I will send a **famine** on the **land**,

not a famine for **bread** or a **thirst** for **water**,

but rather for **hearing** the **words** of the **LORD**. (Amos 8:11)

When **Messiah Yeshua** came, **He** provided **salvation** as a “**gift**” **free of cost** to those who would **believe in Him** (Romans 6:23). **Jesus** also declared that **He** would **satisfy** the **spiritual hunger** and **thirst** within the **souls** of who **believed**—

Jesus answered and said to **her** (Samaritan woman),

“Everyone who drinks of **this water** will **thirst again**; but whoever **drinks**
of the **water** that I will **give him** shall **never thirst**;

but the **water** that I will **give him** will become *in him* a **well of water**
springing up to **eternal life**.”(John 4:13-14)

³³ For the **bread of God** is that which **comes down** out of **heaven**,
and **gives life** to the **world**.” Then they said to **Him** (Jesus),

“**Lord**, always **give us this bread**.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the **bread of life**; he who **comes to Me** will **not hunger**,
and he who **believes in Me** will **never thirst**. (John 6:33-35)

The **Spirit** and the **bride** say, “**Come.**” And let the one **who hears** say, “**Come.**”
And let the one who is **thirsty come**;
let the one who wishes take the **water of life without cost.** (Revelation 22:17)

2. In tonight’s text we are exhorted to “**come**” and **listen** that we may *live*, for **God** has made an **everlasting covenant** according to the **faithful mercies** shown to **David** (55:3-4). These **mercies center** on **God promising** to **David** that **his seed** would be **established forever**, and **his throne built up** to **all generations** (Psalm 89:3-4).

When **Jesus came** **He** was the *fulfillment* of this **covenantal promise** as the **Son of David** who would **rule forever** over an **everlasting kingdom**—

And behold, **you (Mary)** will **conceive** in your womb and bear **a son**,
and you shall **name Him Jesus.**

He will be **great** and will be called the **Son of the Most High**;
and the **Lord God** will **give Him** the **throne** of His father **David**;
and **He will reign** over the **house of Jacob forever**,
and His **kingdom** will have **no end.**” (Luke 1:31-33)

3. Tonight we read that just as the **rain** and **snow** come *down* from **heaven** to **water** the **earth**, and provide “**seed** to the **sower** and **bread** to the **eater**,” likewise, **God** has **sent forth His “word”** to accomplish **His purposes** (55:10-11).

In the **New Testament** we read that **God** has **sent forth His eternal Word**, the **Messiah**, to accomplish **His salvation purposes**, and give “**life**” to the **world**—

In the **beginning** was the **Word**, and the **Word** was *with God*,
and the **Word was God.** **He** was in the **beginning with God**...

In **Him** was **life**, and the **life** was the **Light of men**...

And the **Word became flesh**, and **dwelt among us**,
and we saw **His glory, glory** as of the **only begotten** from the **Father**,
full of **grace** and **truth.** (John 1:1-2, 4, 14)

What was from the **beginning**, what we have **heard**,
what we have **seen** with our eyes, what we have **looked at**
and **touched** with **our hands**, concerning the **Word of Life**—

and the **life was manifested**, and we have **seen**
and **testify** and **proclaim** to you the **eternal life**,
which was **with the Father** and was **manifested to us**—(I John 1:1-2)

God, after **He spoke** long ago to the **fathers in the prophets**
in many **portions** and in many **ways**, in these **last days** has **spoken** to us
in His Son, whom **He appointed heir** of all things,

through whom also **He made the world**. And...When **He** had made **purification of sins**, **He sat down** at the **right hand** of the **Majesty on high**,..
(Hebrews 1:1-3)

Closing Comments