

Isaiah

An Invitation to Come
Isaiah 55

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Introduction

Take a moment to consider that you have done a tremendous wrong and injury to another person. In human terms, that person would have the opportunity to want nothing more to do with you. This is what we have done to God, we have rebelled and done great violence to His Son.

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Thankfully, God is not like us. Man's sin must be dealt with, but God loves humanity and offers forgiveness.

In this passage we see that God gives an invitation to come to Him. If a person genuinely seeks to find God, He will be found.

God can be found, and He gives many promises and blessings to those who do.

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³ Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you— The sure mercies of David.

⁴ Indeed I have given him *as* a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. ⁵ Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations *who* do not know you shall run to you, Because of the Lord your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you.”

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The first invitation is a cry from the depth of God's heart – "Come! Everyone come." The invitation is not extended only to the Jews. God does not call only the religious and righteous to come. He calls everyone, including the ungodly and unrighteous.

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The people invited to come are those who have thirsty souls. To thirst means to desire, crave, long after, yearn for, eagerly seek. To those whose souls are like a desert—dry and barren, eagerly seeking and yearning to have their thirst quenched—God says,
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To have “no money” means to be poor, impoverished, distressed, and in desperate need. To those whose souls are poverty stricken, famished, destitute, unable to find anything that will satisfy their emptiness—the Lord cries out, “Come to me!” Let all in need come to the Lord!

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The offer of the Lord is salvation. The thirsty, hungry soul can be saved and delivered from its thirst and hunger. The Lord offers streams of *living waters* to satisfy the dry, thirsty soul, and He offers wine and milk to satisfy the hungry heart. Water and food are the most valuable commodities in a desert. As people walk through life, they must secure the water and food that the Lord provides or else they will perish.

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What is the cost for God's water and food? Astoundingly, they are free, absolutely free. This fact suggests several points.

First, God's salvation is a ***free gift***. It cannot be secured by money, religion or works. This would put God in debt to man, rather than man in debt to God.

God is in debt to no creature. Whatever He gives is from ***grace***, freely given. It is a gift neither earned or deserved.

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Second, the **Lord cares deeply for us**. He longs to meet the hunger and thirst of our hearts by freely giving us the living water and the bread of life. When a gift is given without any expectation of payment, the gift reveals a caring heart. God is interested in our welfare. And He has proven His love by *freely* offering us the gift of salvation.

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Third, the **price of salvation was extremely costly to God**. Salvation cost God the death of His very own Son. Christ paid the debt for our sin. Through His death we are redeemed, set free from the bondages of sin and death, and given eternal life. **Although we receive salvation freely, God paid an enormous price for our redemption.**

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“Come” is an imperative that demands immediate attention. The life or death of the human soul is at stake, for the soul is as thirsty as a barren desert, and as empty as a starving man.

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Isaiah 55:2

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 let your soul delight itself in abundance.

God argues that one should not waste money or labor on things that do not satisfy. Note that God puts this plea in the form of a question, focusing on the fact that many people do just that. They spend their money on things that do not satisfy the human soul. The things of this world are passing away. Only the things that God offers will bring true satisfaction to the soul.

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God makes a wonderful promise to those who come to the Lord. However, before the promise is stated, God again stresses how critical it is for people to come to Him. Two times in this one verse the **Lord urges people to hear**, to open their ears, because the issue involved is the life or death of the human soul.

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If people will listen and then heed what God says, that is, come to the Lord, God promises them two things:

1. Their souls will live. They will be given *real life*, the Water and Bread of God Himself.
2. They will receive all the mercies and love God promised to David.

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Isaiah 55:4

Indeed I have given him *as* a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people.

The agent of salvation is the Savior Himself, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the Messiah who fulfills God's promises to David, the Messiah who secures salvation for every living soul of every generation. Note that God has sent the Messiah to be His Witness to the people as well as their Leader and Commander. As their Leader and Commander, Christ has been given all authority throughout the universe (Mt. 28:18).

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Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations *who* do not know you shall run to you, Because of the Lord your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you.

As God's witness, the Messiah will issue the call for all the Gentile nations of the earth to come to Israel.

This prophecy is being carried out day by day as people from all nations hear God's invitation to come to Him for salvation. But the ultimate fulfillment will take place when Christ returns to set up God's kingdom on earth.

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So What ...

What about you?

Where are you investing your life? Is it in the things that do not satisfy, or are you investing in the things of eternity?

Jesus is inviting us to come into a deeper relationship with Himself. Are you ready to accept His offer?

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