

Seek the LORD

Isaiah 55:1-13

“come to the waters”

Isaiah 55:1-5

1 “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 labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

3 Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul 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 leader 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 splendor.”

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Luke 14:16-23

16 Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. **17** At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ **18** “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

19 “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ 20 “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’ 21 “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’

22 “ ‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’ **23** “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. **24** I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”

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John 4:13-14

13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, **14** but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

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John 7:37-38

37 On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. **38**

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within them.”

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Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 “The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. **32** It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.

33 “This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. **34** No longer will a man teach their neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

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**“Salvation is a free gift for
anyone who desires it.”**

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Isaiah 55:6-7

6 Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

7 Let the wicked forsake his ways and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

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“Here is one of the clearest OT invitations to salvation now and kingdom blessings later...Such true seeking in faith is accompanied by repentance, which described as forsaking ways and thoughts and turning from sinuful living to the Lord.

A sinner must come, believing in God, recognizing his sin, and desiring forgiveness and deliverance from that sin. At the same time he must recognize his own inability to be righteous or to satisfy God and cast himself on God's mercy.”

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Romans 3:10-12

10 As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one; **11** there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. **12** All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.”

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Romans 3:24

**and are justified freely by his
grace through the redemption
that came by Christ Jesus.**

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2 Corinthians 6:1-2

1 As God’s fellow workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. **2** For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.

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Mark 1:15

“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”

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Philippians 2:12-13

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, **13** for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts”

Isaiah 55:8-13

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 pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will not be destroyed.”

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Romans 8:19-23

19 The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. **20** For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. **23** Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

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Job 38:1-5

1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said: **2** “Who is this that darkens my council with words without knowledge? **3** Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.

4 “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. **5** Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it?

Applications

- **God is sovereign**
- **Man is responsible for his/her actions**
- **We must have Faith**

Final Thoughts

“...faith always involves letting go of secure footholds and certainties to do things God’s way. As long as we first insist that everything about God’s ways and plans be made completely intelligible to us before we decide to act on his invitation, we will never act. If, however, we will surrender our right to decide what is best for us and allow God to determine that, we are on our way home.”

Final Thoughts

Hebrews 11:1, 6

1 Now faith is being sure in what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.