

The Great Invitation

Isa 55:1-7

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Thesis: I want to show the encouragement we can find from the invitation given in this chapter.

Introduction

I. Come and Partake (v.1-5)

A. True needs fulfilled from God (v.1-2)

1. God invites everyone to Him (v.1)
 - a. He provide all that man needs.
2. Why spend money and effort on things that can not satisfy (v.2)
 - a. God says to listen carefully and choose what is good.
 - i. Physical food is put for spiritual food

B. Come to me (v.3-5)

1. God desires for all mankind to come to Him because in Him salvation is found (v.3)
2. (v.4-5)

II. Seek Ye Jehovah while He may be found (v.6-13)

A. Seek the Lord (v.6-7)

1. (v.6) God can be found by those who desire to come to Him, but the rebellious will never find God cause you cannot be rebellious and a follower of God at the same time.
 - i. There also comes a time when God's patience turns to wrath.
2. Man is to forsake wickedness not God, turn to Him and mercy will be found (v.7).

C. God's elevated righteous ways (v.8-9)

1. God's ways and thoughts are not like ours.
 - a. Man's wisdom, decision making, judgment and so on are on a inferior level when compared to God.
2. God's comparison of His ways versus man's is like the difference between heaven and earth (v.9)

C. The Word will go out (v.10-11)

1. God's word goes out and accomplishes His will.
2. It causes everything it touches, where it is received, to grow, flourish and prosper.

D. The faithful will be lead by God (v.12-13)

1. God's people will have peace and cause for rejoicing. (v.12)
2. Hardships pass away and blessings come forth (v.13)

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. Fulfillment of our needs are only found in God (v.1-2)

1. Man is reminded once again that God is all we need.
2. Man is reminded not to waist time and energy looking elsewhere but to turn to God, while he can be found (v.6).

B. God's Will, will be accomplished (v.10-11)

1. God accomplishes His will regardless of the vain attempts of man.
2. He word will not fail, but will accomplish the purpose for which it was sent.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Man has an open invitation from God, but like any invitation requirements are involved, the first a positive response
 - a. Obeying the gospel is the only proper response
2. Man must be wise enough to take advantage of God's invitation, every opportunity has an end date.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9