

God's Invitation

Isaiah 55

The Word of God is an open invitation to an abundant life.

A. A Global Invitation To Faith (Isaiah 55:1-9)

1. The call (55:1-2)

a. The crowd and condition (v 1a)

1). Everyone who is thirsty

2). Something everybody needs but not everybody wants

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A. A Global Invitation To Faith (Isaiah 55:1-9)

1. The call (55:1-2) - continued

b. The consideration - Items you cannot buy (v 1b)

1). Waters - John 4:14

2). Wine - Proverbs 31:6

3). Milk - 1 Peter 2:2

4). Bread - John 6:35

c. The conflict

1). The counterfeit that cannot satisfy – Prov 20:17

2). The commitment that changes lives – Matt 11:28

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- A. A Global Invitation To Faith (Isaiah 55:1-9) - continued**
 - 2. Heed the call (55:3)**
 - 3. See the witness of God (55:4)**
 - a. The witness is true - Proverbs 14:25**
 - b. The witness is Christ - Revelation 3:14**
 - 4. Others will listen (55:5)**
 - 5. Do not delay to answer the invitation (55:6)**
John 6:37, James 4:8
 - 6. Repent (55:7)**
 - 7. Don't rationalize salvation (55:8-9)**
Galatians 1:11-12

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B. The Word of God (Isaiah 55:10-13)

1. Only comes from God (55:10-11a)

John 7:15-16, 46

2. Brings results (55:11b)

3. Brings abundant life to believers (55:12-13) - Ps 126

a. Joy (v 12)

b. Peace (v 12)

c. Rejoicing (v 12)

d. Fruitfulness (v 13)

e. An everlasting testimony (v 13)

What Is Obedience To God?

Why Obey God?

Isaiah 56

Entry into God's kingdom is based on obedience to God.

I. The Reward of the Righteous (Isaiah 56:1-8)

Isaiah 56:1

**Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice:
for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to
be revealed.**

A. The program for righteousness (56:1a)

- 1. Keep ye judgment**
- 2. Do justice**

B. The purpose for righteousness (56:1b)

- 1. Salvation is near to come**
- 2. God's righteousness to be revealed**

The Righteous Are Looking For God

I. The Reward of the Righteous (Isaiah 56:1-8)

C. The profit of righteousness (56:2-8)

1. Blessing those who keep His commandments (v 2)

Isaiah 56:2

Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

2. Position for those who trust in God (v 3)

Isaiah 56:3

Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.

I. The Reward of the Righteous (Isaiah 56:1-8)

C. The profit of righteousness (56:2-8) - continued

3. Everlasting fruit for those in impossible circumstances (v 4-5)

Isaiah 56:4-5

4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

I. The Reward of the Righteous (Isaiah 56:1-8)

C. The profit of righteousness (56:2-8) - continued

4. The capacity to love and serve God (v 6)

Isaiah 56:6

Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

I. The Reward of the Righteous (Isaiah 56:1-8)

C. The profit of righteousness (56:2-8) - continued

5. Accepted worship (v 7)

Isaiah 56:7

Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

I. The Reward of the Righteous (Isaiah 56:1-8)

C. The profit of righteousness (56:2-8) - continued

6. Restoration to God (v 8)

Isaiah 56:8

The Lord GOD, which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

II. The Rebuke of the Religious Leaders (Isaiah 56:9-12)

Isaiah 56:9-12

9 All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest.

10 His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

11 Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

12 Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

II. The Rebuke of the Religious Leaders (Isaiah 56:9-12)

A. A destructive end predicted (56:9)

**B. A distressing report pronounced on the watchmen
(56:10-12)**

1. Blind (v 10)

2. Ignorant (v 10)

3. Silent (v 10)

4. Sleeping (v 10)

5. Greedy (v 11)

6. Dull (v 11)

7. Selfish (v 12)

III. A Similar Rebuke

Revelation 3:14-22

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

III. A Similar Rebuke

Revelation 3:14-22

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

III. A Similar Rebuke

Revelation 3:14-22

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Are We Obeying God?