

The Invitation

Lesson One • Isaiah 55:1-5

An Invitation Too Good to Refuse

Isaiah 55 Shows:

God is a very INVITING God.

The Invitation in Isaiah 55:

Is an open invitation to EVERYONE to come to God!

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life. Revelation 22:17

Three Questions about God's Invitation:

1. Who Are Invited?

"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy?" Isaiah 55:1-2

Two Kinds of People Are Invited:

- The SPIRITUALLY BANKRUPT: the thirsty who are broke and cannot pay for what they need.
- The SELF-SUFFICIENT: the thirsty who think they can pay for what they think they need.

2. What Are We Offered?

God Makes Two Promises:

- You will find SATISFACTION in God that is abundant.

"Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance." Isaiah 55:2

- You will find SALVATION in God that lasts forever.

"Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you—the sure mercies of David." Isaiah 55:3

3. What Are We Told to Do to Get What God Offers?

How to Respond to God's Invitation:

Listen to God and come to Him in FAITH.

"Listen diligently to Me...Incline your ear, and come to Me." Isaiah 55:2-3

Why doesn't everyone come?

- Objection 1: "I can't AFFORD it."
- Objection 2: "I don't BELIEVE it."

An Invitation Too Good to Refuse:

Will you respond to God's invitation today?

If you're ready to respond, use these words to express your heart's desire...

"Dear Jesus, I've refused Your invitation for too long. But today I want to open my heart to You and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for coming to save me from my sins. With all my heart I believe You are the Son of God who died on the Cross for my sins and rose again. Thank You for creating in me new life and giving me the gift of eternal life. Amen."