

An Overview of Isaiah
Week Isaiah 49-66
The Amazing Invitation

*“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and
without price.”*

Isaiah 55:1

Main Point: God is calling all who are thirsty to partake in the everlasting covenant with Him.

“Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.”

Isaiah 55:3

Point: The amazing invitation is to experience God’s lavish forgiveness.

“A banquet table is worse than useless to the person who is either too proud or too ashamed to come and eat from it.”

-John N. Oswalt

There is a choice to the matter: You can either stay in unbelief, or respond to God’s gracious invitation.

“Let the wicked forsake his way 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.”

Isaiah 55:7 (NIV)

Point: The amazing invitation is extended to the most marginalized of people.

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has appointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.”

Isaiah 61:1

The goal of the invitation is not just to be delivered from the guilt and condemnation of sin. The goal is also a life completely devoted to our promised Messiah who broke the power of sin, forever to be free of it!

The Messiah will suffer and be crushed for our sins. But He will rise again! In doing so, He will usher in the year of the Lord’s favor.

Are you thirsty for the Lord’s favor?

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Next week: Who Will Be a Samaritan? Luke 10:25-37