

# The Saviour's Great Invitation to the World

## Isaiah 55: 01–13

### 1. *The invitation*

#### *to come to the LORD*

- a. The people invited:  
The thirsty and poor
- b. The offer: Salvation
  - 1) Water: Spiritual fullness
  - 2) Wine and milk: All needs met
- c. The price: Free
- d. The urgent plea
  - 1) Do not waste money and labour on things that do not satisfy
  - 2) Listen to the LORD:  
Be filled with His nourishment
- e. The promise:  
If you come to the LORD...
  - 1) You will live
  - 2) You will receive all the mercies and love promised to David,  
2 Sam 7:11-17
- f. The agent of salvation:  
The Saviour
  - 1) He is God's Witness,  
Leader and Commander
  - 2) He is God's Witness who issues the call for the people (Gentile nations) to come
    - They will rush to Him
    - They will see Him glorified

### 2. *The invitation to seek the LORD*

- a. The danger:  
Waiting too late

- 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 labour on what does not satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me,  
and eat what is good,  
and you will delight in the richest of fare.
- 3 Give ear and come to me;  
listen, that you 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 ruler 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 splendour."
- 6 Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call on him while he is near.

<p>b. The person invited: The wicked, evil person</p> <p>1) He must repent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forsake his evil way</li> <li>• Turn to the LORD</li> </ul> <p>2) He will receive mercy and forgiveness — freely</p> <p>c. The urgent need to seek</p> <p>1) God’s thoughts and ways are perfect, far beyond our understanding</p> <p>2) God’s thoughts and ways are righteous, far higher than ours: Ours are imperfect and wicked</p> <p>d. The way God calls the wicked: By His Word Mt. 13:1-9, 18-33</p> <p>1) His Word is as powerful as rain and snow that water the earth and cause the grain to grow</p> <p>2) His Word will not return empty: It will bear fruit, accomplish God’s purpose</p> <p>e. The results of seeking the LORD</p> <p>1) The repentant sinner will live in joy and peace</p> <p>2) The earth will be transformed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All nature will rejoice</li> <li>• All thorns will be removed and all vegetation will become fruitful</li> </ul> <p>3) The transformation will be for the purpose of honouring the LORD: Be a sign of His love and power</p>	<p>7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.</p> <p>8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.</p> <p>9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.</p> <p>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,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>13 Instead of the thorn-bush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD’s renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.”</p>
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