

GOD WILL SHOW US WHAT TO DO IN 2022

Isaiah 55: 8-11

Introduction

Mankind has the most unique opportunity imaginable, that of having worldwide peace, economic prosperity, and justice. Peace among all people is possible. A society in which need has been eliminated is possible. A society in which citizens live in comfort and joy, treat others fairly, and always do what is right is possible. Incomprehensible! Unimaginable! Yet this is the very offer that God extends to the world—the salvation of society. His great invitation to every society and group of people of the world is to receive His gift of peace, prosperity, joy, justice, and righteousness. This is the great message of the present Scripture. [Isa. 52:13-53:12](#) identifies God's very special Servant, His Son Jesus Christ, died for the sins of the entire world. He died to offer salvation to the world.

1. (Isa. 55:1-5) Invitation, Offered The invitation is not extended only to the Jews. God does not call only the religious and righteous to come. He calls everyone, including the ungodly and unrighteous.

1. The people invited to come are those who have thirsty souls and poverty-stricken hearts.

To thirst means to **desire, crave, long after, yearn for, eagerly seek**. To those whose souls are like a desert—dry and barren, eagerly seeking and yearning to have their thirst quenched—

God says, “**Come to me!**”

To be poverty-stricken means **to be poor, impoverished, distressed, and in desperate need**.

To those whose souls are poverty-stricken—utterly famished, destitute, unable to find anything that will satisfy their emptiness—

The Lord cries out, “**Come to me!**”

As people walk through life, they must secure the water and food that the Lord provides or else they will perish.

What is the water and food that God provides?

Jesus Christ is the living water of God.

[Jn.4:10](#) says, “Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water”.

Jesus Christ is the bread of life.

[Jn.6:35](#) says, “And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst”.

2. (Isa 55:6-13) Invitation to Seek God: the second invitation is a strong imperative to seek the Lord. To **seek** means **to look for and search for, inquire about, investigate, pursue, strive after**.

It also means to plead and cry for something to the point of struggling. Only a person who senses a deep need will seek the Lord with such urgency. And this is exactly the objective of God's invitation. There is an urgent need for every human being to seek the Lord.

1. This second invitation includes a warning: people can wait too long. They fail to seek the Lord while He is near and still can be found. Throughout the day, people's minds have to be focused on their work and other duties.

A far greater opportunity to seek the Lord is found in the quietness of one's home or in the setting of the church. It is also not always easy for people to find God. People can harden their hearts to such a degree that they feel God is far off, completely out of reach.

Thus, God gives this strong exhortation: "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near."

2. (v.7) Those invited to seek the Lord are the wicked of the earth. No matter how much wickedness people commit, the Lord still reaches out to them, encouraging them to seek Him.

What is involved in seeking? **Repentance.**

Simply and plainly, repentance means to forsake an evil way of life to turn to the Lord.

When people truly repent, the Lord has mercy upon them and forgives their sins. They are freely and abundantly pardoned.

Ep.1:17 says, "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him".

Titus 3:4-7 says, "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, **Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life**".

3. (vv.8-9) The need to seek the Lord is urgent, for God's thoughts and ways are far beyond our comprehension. God is holy and dwells in **perfection**, and no one could ever come close to understanding His ways. God's thoughts and ways are **perfect and righteous**, far beyond our understanding.

On the other hand, our thoughts and ways are blemished, imperfect, wicked, and simplistic.

Therefore, we must never try to "**second-guess**" God.

God's thoughts and ways are as high above ours as the heavens are above the earth. Imagine the incomprehensible distance between the highest star in existence and the earth. God's thoughts and ways exceed man's by a far greater distance than even that because He created the highest star.

God clearly does not think or act like we do. Although Scripture does not give us complete answers to all questions, it does give us enough information to enable us to trust God and to know right from wrong.

Through the truths revealed in Scripture, we can know much about God, and we can have assurance that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world.

4. (vv.10-11) What will stir the wicked to repent of their sins and return to the Lord for salvation?

God's Word. God's Holy Word is the point of contact between Him and the people of earth. Without the Word of God, people would have no way to know the Lord. If the Holy Bible did not exist, the Lord would have to personally appear or verbally speak out in order to communicate with people.

But by giving us the Holy Bible, the Lord has given us continued access to what He wishes to teach us.

Note what Scripture says in v. 10: God's Word is as powerful as the rain and snow that water the earth and causes the seed to grow. God's Word will not return to Him empty.

His Word will bear fruit, will accomplish His purpose.

It will convict sinners, lead them to Christ, and instruct them in the way of righteousness.

“All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Ti.3:16).

“Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Ps.119:105).

“The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple” (Ps.119:130).

INSTRUCTION AND INTELLIGENCE

DECLARATION

Tonight I decree we receive revelation and instruction from the Lord. I declare that it becomes easy for us to receive wisdom, teaching, information, and ideas. I say that every mental block or intellectual gap is broken and our minds are able to comprehend and understand. I prophesy that a brilliancy and intelligence of mind comes upon us. I decree we have the capacity to reason correctly and make good judgments. I say that our memory is blessed and that it functions at its full measure. I pray for supernatural teaching from the Lord to permeate our mind and our heart. May the Great Instructor teach us His ways regarding the important elements and situations surrounding our lives that keep us steps ahead of the enemy. I break the power of any distraction that would prevent us from keeping the Lord as the center of our learning processes. I say that we function in the intelligent ability the Lord has given us and that His instruction is upon us now!