



ISAIAH SERIES: MESSAGE 10

COME, EVERY ONE WHO IS THIRSTY

Isaiah 55:1–13

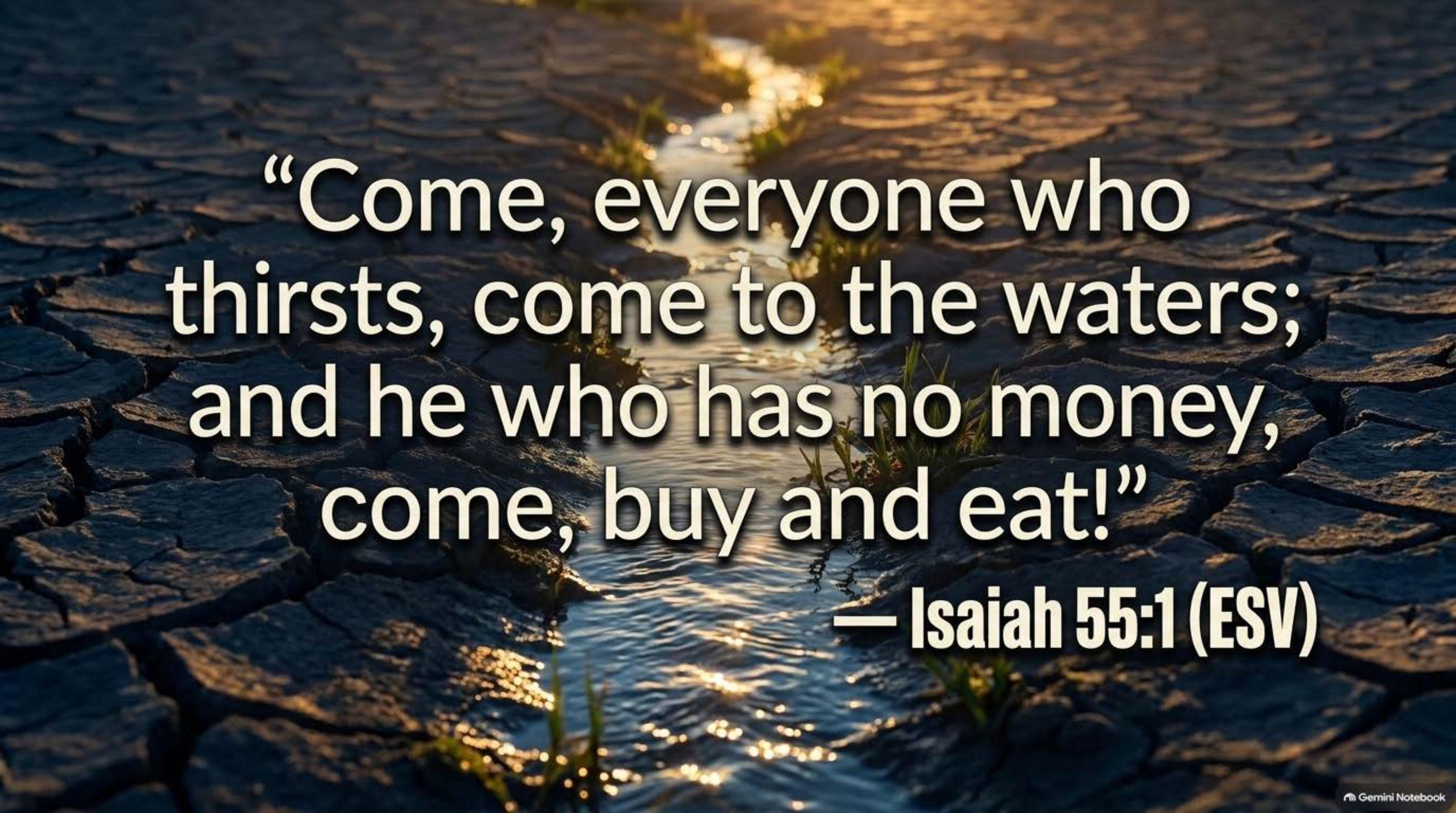
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THE DESIGN OF THIRST

Movie theaters intentionally engineer our thirst in the advertisements before a film. It is **highly profitable**: concessions make up 20–30% of revenue, but account for 40–80% of actual net profit.

The world tries to make us thirsty for things that can never satisfy. God designed our spiritual thirst for a different purpose: to drive us directly to Him.



**“Come, everyone who
thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!”**

— Isaiah 55:1 (ESV)

FOUR MOVEMENTS OF GRACE

- 1. The Call to the Thirsty
(Isaiah 55:1–5)
- 2. The Chance to
Return
(Isaiah 55:6–7)
- 3. The Confidence in
His Word
(Isaiah 55:8–11)
- 4. The Celebration of
Creation
(Isaiah 55:12–13)



A GIFT, NOT A TRANSACTION

The Futility	The Invitation
Spending money for what is not bread. Laboring for what does not satisfy. (Isaiah 55:2)	Buy without money. Listen diligently. Delight your soul in rich food.



In 2016, businessman Pete Kadens paid the full college tuition for 75 graduating seniors at Scott High School in Toledo. Student Chris Rowland couldn't process it. No fine print, no repayment plan. Isaiah 55 pictures God making this same offer—not to those who have earned it, but to anyone thirsty enough to come.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith... it is the gift of God." — Ephesians 2:8-9



AN EVERLASTING COVENANT

This is not a limited-time offer; it is a binding, permanent relationship rooted in God's steadfast love for David, meant to be a witness to the nations (Isaiah 55:3-5). Listening to God is how the soul stays alive.

“To accept grace is to admit failure, a step we are hesitant to take. We opt to impress God with how good we are rather than confessing how great he is.” — Max Lucado”



SEEK HIM WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND

The invitation carries profound urgency. Not because God's mercy has an expiration date, but because our own willingness to receive it does (Isaiah 55:6).

The Titanic:

When the Titanic sank, many lifeboats left half empty. Passengers on a ship they believed was unsinkable hesitated to leave the warmth and light. By the time they realized the danger, the boats were gone.

"Today is unique... At midnight it will end, quietly, suddenly, totally. Forever. But the hours between now and then are opportunities with eternal possibilities." — Chuck Swindoll

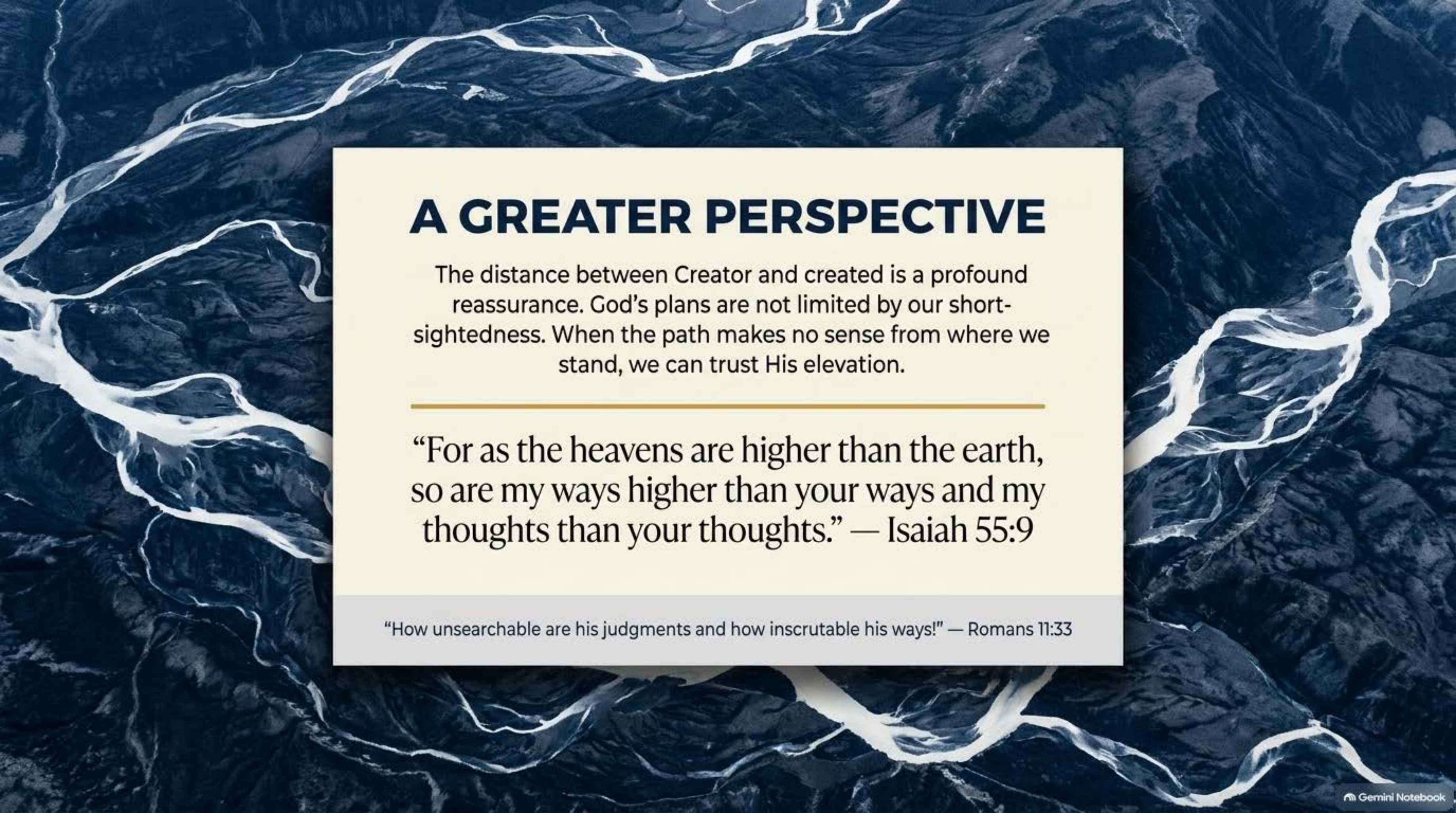
ABUNDANT PARDON FOR THE WICKED

The invitation reaches down to the worst description Isaiah can offer—"the wicked." There is no floor beneath which God's mercy will not go.

"Let the wicked forsake his way... let him return to the Lord, that may have compassion on him... for he will abundantly pardon." — Isaiah 55:7



"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." — 1 Timothy 1:15



A GREATER PERSPECTIVE

The distance between Creator and created is a profound reassurance. God's plans are not limited by our short-sightedness. When the path makes no sense from where we stand, we can trust His elevation.

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” — Isaiah 55:9

“How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!” — Romans 11:33

THE CYCLE OF THE WORD



In 2013, 88 refugees stranded off Costa Rica threw a plea in a bottle into the ocean. They relied entirely on luck for a fishing vessel to find it. God's Word does not depend on luck; it is an unstoppable force of nature that never returns empty.

TRUSTING THE ANCHOR

INFALLIBLE

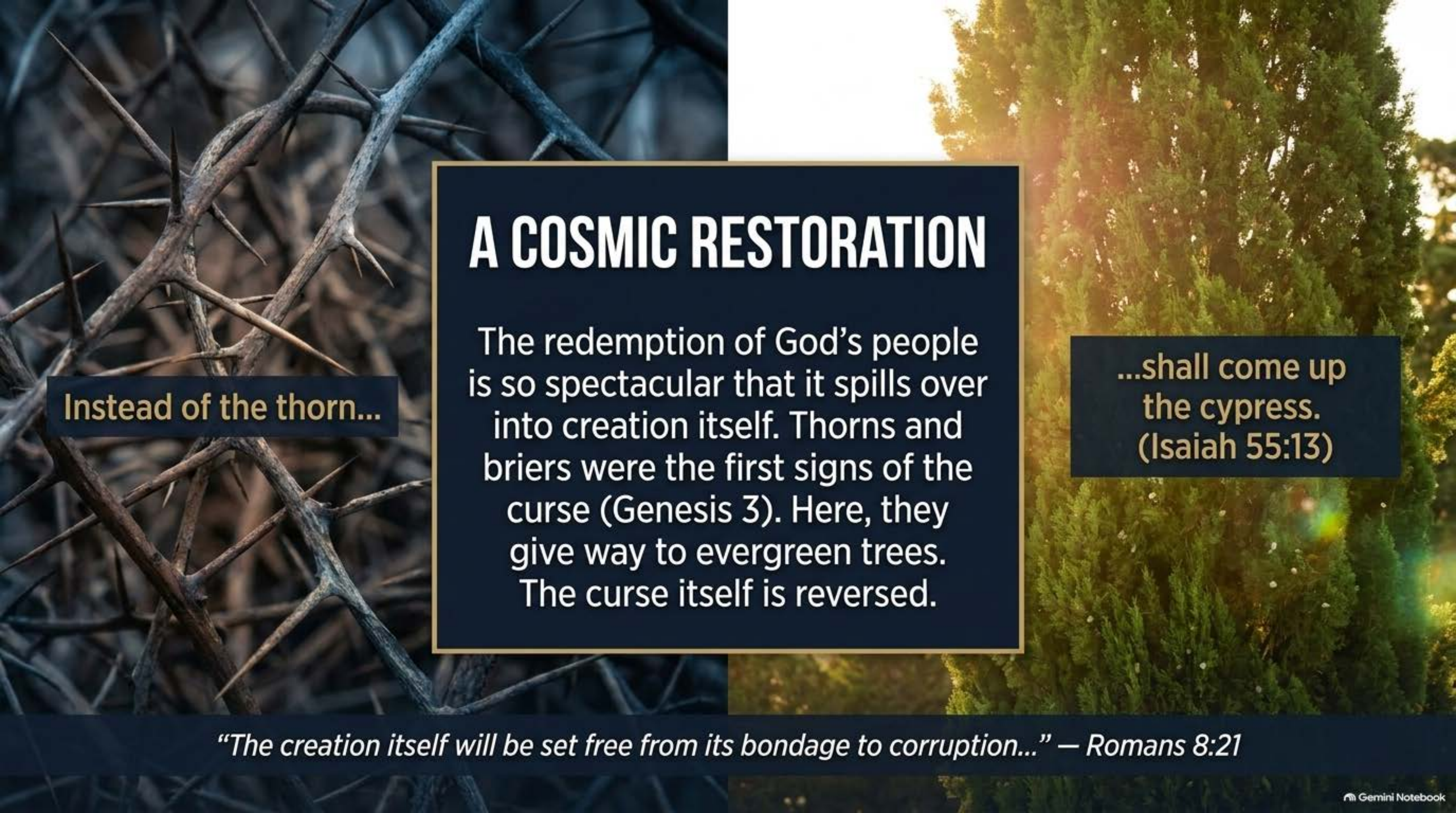
Incapable of failing or misleading. God's Word will never lead us astray, and it always accomplishes exactly what God intends.

INERRANT

Without error. In its original writings, Scripture is completely true in everything it affirms.

"Its relevance is axiomatic... Trust in the Word. It is a ship loaded to the very limits of its capacity." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Open the door and let the lion out; he will take care of himself." — Charles Spurgeon



A COSMIC RESTORATION

The redemption of God's people is so spectacular that it spills over into creation itself. Thorns and briars were the first signs of the curse (Genesis 3). Here, they give way to evergreen trees. The curse itself is reversed.

Instead of the thorn...

...shall come up
the cypress.
(Isaiah 55:13)

"The creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption..." — Romans 8:21



BREAKING FORTH INTO SINGING

When God's purpose is accomplished, creation breaks into applause. Like California's Anza-Borrego Desert—where dormant seeds turn barren sand into a celebration that draws 150,000 people—redemption triggers a cosmic super bloom (Isaiah 55:12).

"Nature is God's first missionary. Where there is no Bible there are sparkling stars. Where there are no preachers there are spring times." — Max Lucado

RECEIVING THE GIFT

Grace is God's favor given freely to people who could never earn it, pay for it, or deserve it. A gift you pay for stops being a gift. God holds it out with open hands, and we receive it with empty ones.

The Requirement of Faith

"Without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." — **Hebrews 11:6**



A serene desert landscape at sunset. The sky is a deep blue with a few stars visible. The horizon is a bright orange-yellow glow from the setting sun. In the foreground, there are rolling sand dunes and several palm trees. A body of water in the middle ground reflects the sky, the sun, and the palm trees. The overall mood is peaceful and inviting.

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