

**Come and Get It!
Mercy There Was Great, and Grace Was Free
Pardon There Was Multiplied to Me
There My Burdened Soul Found Liberty
Isaiah 55:1 - 5**

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We are about to discover how great the mercy of God truly is.

The Suffering Servant has made possible the restoration of the relationship previously enjoyed by His people, Israel.

The Suffering Servant has also made possible the ultimate restoration of Jerusalem into something one could only dream about.

Now we move on to discover just how grand the grace of God truly is as now He is addressing the planet based on the work of the Suffering Servant. The prophet Micah provides us a hint as to just how great God's mercy truly is.

Micah 7:18–20

“Where is another God like you, who pardons the guilt of the remnant, overlooking the sins of his special people? You will not stay angry with your people forever, because you delight in showing unfailing love. Once again you will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean! You will show us your faithfulness and unfailing love as you promised to our ancestors Abraham and Jacob long ago.” (NLT)

But Micah talks about the mercy of God in relation to the remnant, His own people. Here in Isaiah 55, we are talking about the mercy, due to the work of the Suffering Servant, made available to all.

As we discovered in our review of Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12, the Suffering Servant in the person of Jesus Christ was prophesied to achieve a lot as a result of His faithfulness to what it is YAHWEH has called Him to do.

We need to focus in on the section which points to our test here in Isaiah 55.

Isaiah 53:4–6

“However, it was our sicknesses that He Himself bore, And our pains that He carried; Yet we ourselves assumed that He had been afflicted, Struck down by God, and humiliated. But He was pierced for our offenses, He was crushed for our wrongdoings; The punishment for our well-being was laid upon Him, And by His wounds we are healed. All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the wrongdoing of us all To fall on Him.” (NASB 2020)

Because He is our sin bearer, our healer and our sin taker, we can revel in the extravagant mercy of God. He paid the price.

Because Jesus paid the price, YAHWEH can make the extravagant promises of Isaiah 55.

Isaiah 55 will look and feel like the New Testament, just like the section on the Suffering Servant did.

Nowhere in the Old Testament is the spirit and substance of the New Testament message more clearly anticipated than in chapter 55. (Carter and McLeod 1972, 422)

Isaiah 55:1–2

“You there! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance.” (NASB 2020)

Who are the “you there?” Who are the “everyone” being talked about? Is this for His people or the remnant only. No, this really is for everyone. Our clue is in the Hebrew used.

The word translated everyone is the word כֹּל (kol) and means “totality, everything, everyone.” (Holladay and Kohler 2000, 156)

This is not a word for just those who are His people in Israel, but this is a call to the entire planet. To everyone...literally.

Jesus talked about the message of redemption spreading beyond just the Jews as well in one of His parables, the parable of the banquet in Matthew 22.

Matthew 22:1–14

“Again Jesus spoke to them in parables. He said, “The kingdom from heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited to the wedding, but they refused to come. So he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Look, I’ve prepared my dinner. My oxen and fattened calves have been slaughtered. Everything is ready. Come to the wedding!”’ But they paid no attention to this and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest grabbed the king’s servants, treated them brutally, and then killed them. Then the king became outraged. He sent his troops, and they destroyed those murderers and burned their city. “Then he told his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. So go into the roads leading out of town and invite as many people as you can find to the wedding.’ Those servants went out into the streets and brought in everyone they found, evil and good alike, and the wedding hall was packed with guests. “When the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ But the man was speechless. Then the king told his servants, ‘Tie his hands and feet, and throw him into the darkness outside!’ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, because many are invited, but few are chosen.”” (ISV)

“All things are ready; the guests are invited; and nothing is required of them except to come.” (Keil and Delitzsch 1996, 532)

Here is the thing, YAHWEH is now talking directly to you and me. He grabs our attention, and then asks us a question. Are you thirsty? This is not a discussion about beverages.

Do we want more out of life? Do we want a life of great adventure? Do we want life to mean more than just business as usual day in and day out? Do we want to truly experience the supernatural?

Jesus knew His Bible and He knew what was being said in Isaiah 55 about thirst and what the solution was to be. He also knew that He was to be the one who would fulfill all the prophecies of the Suffering Servant.

John 7:37–39

“On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.” (ESV)

The feast referred to is the Feast of Booths. There was a unique ceremony associated with it that was performed in the Temple. Jesus makes use of this. Water would be drawn and then brought to the Temple each day and poured out by the altar.

This ceremony was conducted on all seven days. The water was drawn from the Pool of Siloam, although other sources of water were permissible. The custom was to draw the water in golden flasks, each containing about three pints of water. A procession of priests went down from the Temple Mount with the golden flasks to the Pool of Siloam and filled them with water. The procession ascended from the Pool of Siloam to the Temple Mount and, as they went up, they sang the Psalms of the Ascents (Ps. 120–134). There were fifteen steps leading from the Court of Israel to the Court of the Women.

On the first step, they sang Psalm 120; on the second step, they sang Psalm 121, until on the fifteenth step, they sang Psalm 134. Then they entered the Temple Courtyard and poured out the water by the Altar. This was followed by great rejoicing. The rejoicing was so great that the saying of the rabbis was, “He who has not seen the rejoicing at the pouring out of the water has not seen rejoicing in all of his life.” In Judaism, the pouring out of the water was a symbol of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the last days.

The rabbis taught that, in the last days, there will be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Israel before the Messiah comes. This is also taught by the Scriptures. The pouring of the water was followed by a total of twelve trumpet blasts. (Fruchtenbaum 1983, 14-15)

The water was poured out on the dry ground by the altar. Ground that has become parched due to sin, unbelief, and disobedience. Ground by the altar that had had the blood of numerous sacrifices dripped on it.

The call to the thirsty also recalls what Jesus said to the woman at the well.

John 4:5–26

“Now he came to a Samaritan town called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, so Jesus, since he was tired from the journey, sat right down beside the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me some water to drink.” (For his disciples had gone off into the town to buy supplies.) So the Samaritan woman said to him, “How can you—a Jew—ask me, a Samaritan woman, for water to drink?” (For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you had known the gift of God and who it is who said to you, ‘Give me some water to drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” “Sir,” the woman said to him, “you have no bucket and the well is deep; where then do you

get this living water? Surely you're not greater than our ancestor Jacob, are you? For he gave us this well and drank from it himself, along with his sons and his livestock." Jesus replied, "Everyone who drinks some of this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks some of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again, but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." He said to her, "Go call your husband and come back here." The woman replied, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "Right you are when you said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the man you are living with now is not your husband. This you said truthfully!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you people say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not know. We worship what we know, because salvation is from the Jews. But a time is coming—and now is here—when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such people to be his worshipers. God is spirit, and the people who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (the one called Christ); "whenever he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I, the one speaking to you, am he." (NET)

Before coming to Jesus, all of us were thirsty. We knew there was more to life, and we spent an inordinate amount of time looking for it in places where the world says life is, but it is not where the Lord says it is. The world charges a high price too, we know it as the cost of sin.

1 John 2:15–17 "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever." (ESV)

What the Lord calls spending money "for what is not bread," we call looking for achievement at work, or in athletics, or in politics, or in relationships, or in numbing the pain by misusing substances. We are all looking for meaning in life and the truth is, meaning is found only in Jesus Christ.

The problem is, if we reject what it is God offers for free, we subject ourselves to consequences of what we have searched for and taken advantage of. The Bible calls tis sowing and reaping.

Paul would encourage us all to come to the water.

Galatians 6:7–10

"Stop being deceived; God is not to be ridiculed. A person harvests whatever he plants: The person who sows through human means will harvest decay from human means, but the person who sows in the Spirit will harvest eternal life from the Spirit. Let's not get tired of doing what is good, for at the right time we will reap a harvest—if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have the opportunity, let's practice doing good to everyone, especially to the family of faith." (ISV)

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end." (NLT)

As Solomon as pointed out, we all have a cavity inside that can only be filled up by one thing. Because of that cavity, before Jesus, we tried to fill it with other stuff and with other people.

We need water.

Jesus beautifully describes the living water of the Holy Spirit that will fill into and flow out of the spiritually empty place in every soul. Once we discover the true joy and contentment that can be found only in Jesus, we become happier people. As a result, we are more pleasant to be around, and other areas of

our lives seem to improve. But as long as we're trying to siphon our happiness out of our relationships, relationships will be arduous and illusive. We are placing a burden on other people they were not created to bear. (Jaynes 2018)

God commands us here in Isaiah to come to the waters. The water He provides is the only way to solve the thirst problem and fill the cavity we all have. The first thought that crosses the mind of someone who has finally decided to do so is, what do I have to do to earn this? How do I pay for this?

You can't. It is a free gift.

Isaiah 55:1 ““You there! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost.” (NASB 2020)

What is being implied is that the thirst we all experience, the thirst for more, is associated with the fall in Genesis 3 and it can only be quenched by the Suffering Servant. Without Him, we will never reclaim that which was lost due to the rebellion of Genesis 3. Everyone who thirsts, and that is all of us, is invited by God, because of what Jesus did on the cross. Jesus has already paid the price. He did that on the cross and then rose from the dead.

If you say, “I am not interested. I am not thirsty. I am satisfied with the things of this life,” then it is not for you, my friend. It is not for you until you are thirsty. (McGee 1997, 318)

And get this, it just isn't the water that is free, but all of the best He has to offer, and the price is the same. “It's all free. It isn't that the entrance into the Christian life is free, and then we must be charged to advance in the Christian life. It's all free; our growth is just as much a gift of grace as our salvation.” (Guzik 2000, Is 55:1-2)

He doesn't give us salvation only and then make us pay to become more like Him, no, all of it is at the same cost, free. All of it has been paid for by Jesus and can be appropriated by faith. That is the key.

Romans 6:20–23

“When you were the slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. What did you gain from doing the things that you are now ashamed of? The result of those things is death! But now you have been set free from sin and are the slaves of God. Your gain is a life fully dedicated to him, and the result is eternal life. For sin pays its wage—death; but God's free gift is eternal life in union with Christ Jesus our Lord.” (GNB)

YAHWEH issues the invitation, which is in the imperative, to come, not once, but three times in this verse.

The word we have translated as “come” in the English is the Hebrew word לָקַח (leku) which is derived from the word הלך. It means to go, to walk, to go along, go after any one, to follow him, to live, to follow any manner of life. (Gesenius and Tregelles 2003, 224)

This tells us there is a lot more going on here than just a simple invitation to come. “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:27, NLT)

- Come to the waters “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ ” (John 7:38, ESV)
- No money “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23, ESV)
- Come, buy and eat “Yes, I am the bread of life! Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, but they all died. Anyone who eats the bread from heaven, however, will never die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh.” (John 6:48–51, NLT)

- Come, buy wine and milk
- Without money and without cost “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:8–10, ESV)

It is hard for the natural man to appreciate the fullness of God’s grace. It is so easy to think of God as a merchantman with something to sell. But the truth is that God is too rich to seek to sell His salvation to anyone, and if He were to put a price upon it we would all be too poor to buy. (Ironsides 1952, 311)

John 3:16–18

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.” (ESV)

YAHWEH is using Isaiah to let us know that everything we are striving for in our flesh, everything we think we need, is not what we need. He has already purchased what we truly need and offers it to us at no cost.

This all has been purchased for us, but we are not the ones who have to pay. The Suffering Servant has already taken care of the purchase price for us. “His the price, ours the freeness! The vocative all you who are thirsty is singular; the imperative come is plural. The singular individualizes the response; the plural generalizes it, i.e. there is enough for all but each must personally respond.” (Motyer 1996, 453)

Isaiah 55:2

“Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance.” (NASB 2020)

With the offer of God’s extravagant grace and mercy on the table, made available through the work of the Suffering Servant, why go anywhere else? Why, once you understand what the offer is and what it truly means, eternal life, would anyone reject the free gift of salvation and spend a life working for something that does not even meet the most basic needs. Jesus addressed this looking and searching in the wrong places idea.

Matthew 7:13–23

“Go in through the narrow gate, because the gate is wide and the road is spacious that leads to destruction, and many people are entering by it. How narrow is the gate and how constricted is the road that leads to life, and there aren’t many people who find it! Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are savage wolves. You will know them by their fruit. Grapes aren’t gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles, are they? In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but a rotten tree produces bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a rotten tree cannot produce good fruit. Every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into a fire. So by their fruit you will know them. Not everyone who keeps saying to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will get into the kingdom from heaven, but only the person who keeps doing the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, we prophesied in your name, drove out demons in your name, and performed many miracles in your name, didn’t we?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who practice evil!’ ” (ISV)

Why spend a lifetime trying to earn your way to heaven when the price has already been paid and the means to get there obtained.

Most men's history is a long series of disappointments. The boy desires freedom from restraint, and to have his time at his own disposal; but no sooner does he obtain his wish than time hangs heavy on his hands, and he does not know what to do with it. The best-loved amusement does not please for long—the pleasures of eating and drinking pall; drunkenness and excess are found to have attached to them an overplus of painful sensations; the praise of men, distinction, fame, when they have been enjoyed for a short time, appear worthless; wealth, comfort, ease, equally fail to satisfy. Men labour, as a general rule, during the greater part of their lives, “for that which satisfieth not.” (Spence-Jones 1910, 331)

Titus 3:1–8

“Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work. They must not slander anyone, but be peaceable, gentle, showing complete courtesy to all people. For we too were once foolish, disobedient, misled, enslaved to various passions and desires, spending our lives in evil and envy, hateful and hating one another. But “when the kindness of God our Savior and his love for mankind appeared, he saved us not by works of righteousness that we have done but on the basis of his mercy, through the washing of the new birth and the renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us in full measure through Jesus Christ our Savior. And so, since we have been justified by his grace, we become heirs with the confident expectation of eternal life.” This saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on such truths, so that those who have placed their faith in God may be intent on engaging in good works. These things are good and beneficial for all people.” (NET)

In the last half of verse 2 we are given the solution to searching for that which does not satisfy, it is to listen carefully to the Lord. If we listen to Him, we need to hear what He says. Paul pointed this direction.

Romans 10:17

“Consequently faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the preached word of Christ.” (NET)

There is something about the word of God that once heard, works on us and brings us to repentance. “Listen, listen is an infinitive absolute construction (šim'û šāmôa') meaning 'listen persistently'. It emphasizes listening and also what, exclusively, is to be heard. What is good is true food not 'junk food', the not bread of 2a.” (Motyer 1996, 453)

Isaiah 55:2b

“...Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance.” (NASB 2020)

As we listen, we go from what we think was the right thing to be eating to what the Lord calls, abundance.

John 10:9–10

“I am the gate. If anyone enters through me, he will be saved. He will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal, slaughter, and destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” (ISV)

This word “abundant” in the Greek is perisson, meaning “exceedingly, very highly, beyond measure, more, superfluous, a quantity so abundant as to be considerably more than what one would expect or anticipate.” (Got Questions Ministries 2002-2013)

1 Corinthians 2:9 “But as it is written, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love him.”” (ISV)

Here are the keys for living today in Isaiah 55:2b.

We need to listen to what it is the Lord has to say to us.

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15, ESV)

We need to eat only what is good. That means choosing the good over the bad or false. Discernment is needed these days.

“But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.” (2 Peter 2:1–3, ESV)

Delight yourself in abundance, in other words, delight yourself in the Lord. How?

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1–2, ESV)

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.” (Psalm 1:1–3, ESV)

Isaiah 55:3–5

“Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David. Behold, I have made him a witness to the peoples, A leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you will call a nation you do not know, And a nation which does not know you will run to you, Because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you.” (NASB 2020)

Because we are listening, we are being faithfully loyal and obedient to what it is He is speaking. We are inclining our ear to hear Him. The word in the Hebrew translated incline is נָטָה (natah) “stretch out, spread out, extend, incline, bend, incline” (Brown, Driver and Briggs 1977, 639)

This is in the imperative. We must be stretching out and extending our reach to hear Him. This means a change in decision making for us.

It has to do with renouncing unbelief and rebellion, and accepting God’s provisions for life with him through the sacrifice of the Servant. (Oswalt 1998, 437)

As we listen, which is also in the imperative, we find out what it really means to live and there are some benefits that go along with this. We are stretching out to listen and as we listen, we live. The word translated live is חָיָה (hiyah) “to live...The original idea of this word is that of breathing...to continue safe and sound...to live again, to revive...to recover health, to be healed...and to be refreshed” (Gesenius and Tregelles 2003, 273-274)

And it is our soul נֶפֶשׁ (nephesh) that lives...that your soul lives again, revives, is healed, refreshed.

If stretching forward to hear is in the imperative, then as we listen, we find that we don’t just live, but as per the Hebrew, we find that our soul is refreshed, our soul lives again. Or, as “Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, “You must be born again.”” (John 3:5–7, ESV).

The result of that is “...And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David.” (Isaiah 55:3b, NASB 2020)

The Lord is himself the feast...The soul is the whole essential person. Just as true food restores the body debilitated by not bread, so the food of the Lord's word brings the whole person to the life that is life indeed. (Motyer 1996, 453)

Remember, this is a discussion not just for Israel, but for everyone. What is being promised to those who hear and come, and that is all they need to do, is the security of a permanent eternal covenant. And how can this covenant come into existence, solely due to the work of the Suffering Servant. Literally "according to the faithful mercies shown to David."

This is a reference to the Davidic Covenant, which ties into the Suffering Servant which ties into "Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch from his roots will bear fruit." (Isaiah 11:1, NASB 2020)

2 Samuel 7:12–16

"When you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will make one of your sons king and will keep his kingdom strong. He will be the one to build a temple for me, and I will make sure that his dynasty continues for ever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him as a father punishes his son. But I will not withdraw my support from him as I did from Saul, whom I removed so that you could be king. You will always have descendants, and I will make your kingdom last for ever. Your dynasty will never end.' "" (GNB)

The Davidic covenant defines God's covenanted throne, kingdom, and heir. God's covenanted theocratic kingdom program and David's throne and kingdom are the same. This is also known as the millennial kingdom where Christ will reign from David's throne over Israel and every nation literally for one thousand years. The Davidic covenant establishes David's seed who literally descends from the lineage of David, and who literally reigns from David's throne over David's kingdom of Israel, the Jews. This covenant fully establishes David's house, throne, and kingdom forever.

The Davidic covenant is of great importance and is essential to God's program, and to understand God's program one must fully understand the David covenant. (Olander 2006, 49)

The Lord is pointing to this Covenant and the one who will sit on the throne.

Hebrews 9:13–15

"For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow sprinkled on those who are defiled consecrated them and provided ritual purity, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. And so he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the eternal inheritance he has promised, since he died to set them free from the violations committed under the first covenant." (NET)

Isaiah provides some additional insight into this covenant mediator.

Isaiah 55:4

"Behold, I have made him a witness to the peoples, A leader and commander for the peoples." (NASB 2020)

All of those who thirst and have made the decision to come to the waters to truly live; all of those who have stretched forward to hear and have had their souls refreshed, who are born again; are being called to pay attention to what it is this one who has been promised to David will do. He is the one who will be a witness to the nations. Accomplished on the cross. In addition, He is the King we all are looking for and the one who instructs us in how to live. He is Messiah, King Jesus.

These prophecies are fulfilled spiritually when God gives wonderful, David-like leadership to His people. They will be fulfilled ultimately when David—literal King David in his resurrection body—reigns over Israel in the millennium, the 1,000-year reign of Jesus Christ over this earth. (Guzik 2000, Is 55:3-5)

Jeremiah 30:9 “But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.” (ESV)

Isaiah 55:5

“Behold, you will call a nation you do not know, And a nation which does not know you will run to you, Because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you.” (NASB 2020)

Who is the nation you do not know? The Hebrew word used is גוי (goy) “usually used of the world outside the pale of Israel. The words are emphatic. The whole Gentile world is on the move to David.” (Motyer 1996, 455)

Gentiles are being called, and the call is one that is worldwide.

Notice the response. Jesus has returned and is ruling from Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:9). YAHWEH lives with His people in Jerusalem and is in the Temple never to leave (Ezekiel 43:7). The response to the call is nations running to Israel.

Malachi saw this day “People from one end of the world to the other honour me. Everywhere they burn incense to me and offer acceptable sacrifices. All of them honour me!” (Malachi 1:11, GNB)

Isaiah has already seen and talked about this day.

Isaiah 2:2–4

“Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let’s go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; So that He may teach us about His ways, And that we may walk in His paths.” For the law will go out from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He will judge between the nations, And will mediate for many peoples; And they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning knives. Nation will not lift up a sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.” (NASB 2020)

Jerusalem will be the center for worship in the world, and God will be glorified as the nations meet together with Israel to honor the Lord. (Wiersbe 1996, 146)

Isaiah 55:1 “You there! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost.” (NASB 2020)

The offer still stands today. Very soon the offer will close, but today, it still is open for all who believe.

Romans 10:9 – 10

“because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and thus has righteousness and with the mouth one confesses and thus has salvation.” (NET)

Salvation is a Gift

- Admit you are a sinner, agree with Him and ask Him to forgive you.
- Talk to Him and tell Him that.
- Believe in your heart that Jesus died for your sins, was buried and He rose from the dead three days later.
- Call on the name of the Lord.

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