

ISAIAH 55

Isaiah 55 is one of the truly great chapters in the Bible. In a jubilant and triumphant manner it presents an unusual call from God. God the creator, cry's "Ho" like a merchant saying Stop! Listen! Eyes this way! Ears alert! I have something worthy of your attention.

- I. The people who are invited.
 - a. Those who are thirsty (V 1) Thirst of the soul. Matthew 5:6
 - b. Those who are destitute (V 1)
 - c. Those who are deceived (V 2)
 - d. Those who are wicked (V 7)
- II. The conditions that are imposed.
 - a. An attentive are (Vs 2-3)
 - b. An urgent search (V 6)
 - c. An earnest call (V 6)
 - d. A genuine repentance (V 7)
- III. The blessings that are included.
 - a. The fullness of life (Vs 1-2)
 1. Water: suggests the refreshment of life
 2. Wine: suggests, joy, comfort
 3. Milk: suggests nourishment
 4. Bread: staple of life
 5. Fatness: compared to the leanness of what people are striving after
 - b. The forgiveness of sin (V 7): When man turns to God in true repentance. God turn to him in pardoning grace. Forgiveness of sin in man's deepest need: it is God's greatest gift. When one truly repents God will pardon abundantly.

That is what God wants from us. The proper response to God's call is to accept it.