

Study 97: Isaiah, Part 53

Isaiah 55

“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.

²Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

[Cp. **John 4:10** Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

John 6:33 “For the **bread** of God is the **bread** that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

John 6:35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the **bread of life**. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

John 6:48 “I am the bread of life.”

John 6:51 “I am the living **bread** that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this **bread** will live forever. This **bread** is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

“Come to the waters” Waters of baptism? Water represents the Holy Spirit in some references. **Rev 21:6** He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

“...you who have no money...without money and without cost.” Salvation is a free gift. Without cost to whom?]

³Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.

I will make an **everlasting covenant** with you,
my faithful love promised to **David**.

⁴See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.

⁵Surely 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 splendor.”

[Note that the new covenant God makes with His people is an *everlasting* one. Therefore, it can have no *last days*. Salvation offered to the Gentiles. Cp. **Rev 21:24** “The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.”]

⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

⁷Let 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.

⁸“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the Lord.

⁹“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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,

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.