

Pursuing What Will Satisfy Isaiah 55:1-3

Who is God talking to in these verses?

God is talking to those who have heart-thirsts.

What does God call us to do with our heart-thirsts?

God calls us to come to the waters (v.1). What is this water?

In v.3 He calls us to come to Him. So God is the water that will quench our heart-thirsts.

“God is the highest good of the reasonable creature; and the enjoyment of Him is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied.” Jonathan Edwards

So God calls us to bring our heart-thirsts to Him, to be satisfied in Him.

This is also taught in Psa 63:5-6; Psa 73:25-26; John 6:35.

What have we done with our heart-thirsts?

Instead of pursuing God to quench our heart-thirsts, we have pursued other things (Isa 55:2).

Not only does this leave us empty, it’s morally wrong. And because God is just, we face His judgment.

What must we do before we can come back to God?

Nothing. Note v.1. We who have no money, buy wine and milk without money.

Because of our sin, there is a price of punishment that must be paid.

But Jesus, the Messiah pays this price.

If we will trust Him, Jesus has paid that price for us.

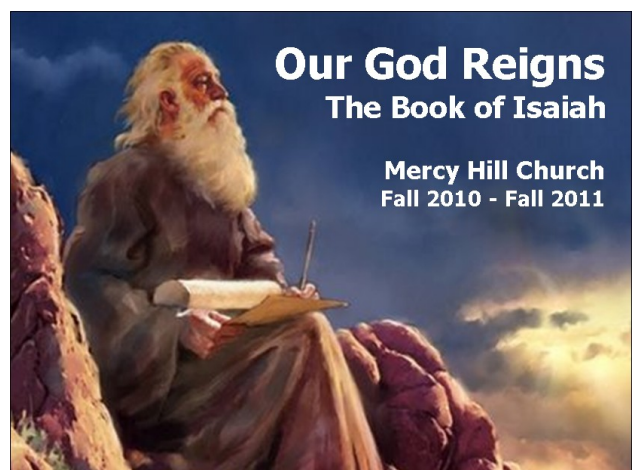
So a price must be paid, but we don’t pay it; Jesus does.

What does this mean for us?

Understand why you are thirsty.

Understand what Jesus offers.

Come to Him — and feast.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Where besides Christ do you tend to turn for heart-satisfaction?

Why do we turn to things other than Christ? Why is it so hard to turn to Him?

What keeps you from turning to Christ and pursuing Him as your satisfaction?

How meaningful are your times in the Word and prayer? Have they become only a duty?

Share together about times when you have experienced Christ fully satisfying you.

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

