

Why Seek Satisfaction in God? Isaiah 55:3-13

Introduction

In Isaiah 55:1-3a God calls us to stop pursuing our heart-hungers and thirsts in things that won't satisfy, and instead to start pursuing our heart-hungers and thirsts in Him.

Then in vv.3-13 God gives us four reasons why we should turn from everything else and seek our heart-satisfaction in Him alone.

Because if we seek God, He promises that His work of satisfying us will be everlasting. (3b-5)

God will make an "everlasting covenant" with us — there will never be a time when we can't turn to Him and be fully satisfied.

Israel was concerned that other peoples and nations would get in the way. But God reminds her of what He did for David, and promised that He would work through her to bring other nations to God.

Because if we seek God we will find heart-satisfaction in Him. (6)

If we seek God in Jesus Christ, we will have a first-hand experience of Him that will fully satisfy our heart-hungers and thirsts.

Because if we seek Him God will meet us with compassion and pardon. (7-11)

Because of Jesus' death for our sins, when wicked and unrighteous people seek God He meets them with compassion and pardon (v.7).

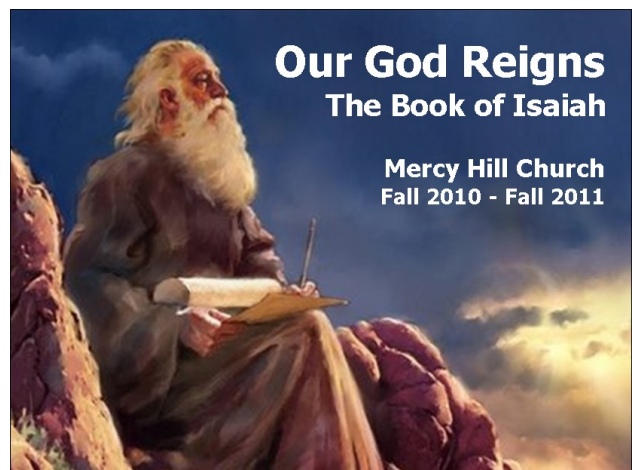
Even though this shocks us — this is how God operates (vv.8-9).

Because God has promised this, and God's Word are always fulfilled, we can be absolutely of God's compassion and abundant pardon in Christ (vv.10-11).

Because if we seek him, our eternal satisfaction will be so spectacular that creation will sing and clap. (12-13)

These verses describe both Israel's return from exile, and our future existence in the new heavens and earth.

Our experience of satisfaction in God will be spectacular — it will last forever, be full, and be ever-increasing.



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?

Which of these four reasons was most meaningful to you? Why?

Which of these four reasons was puzzling or confusing to you? Why?

What steps have you been taking to turn from the gravel to feast on the In 'n Out?

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.

