

Isaiah 55 - The Offer of Salvation to Jews and Gentiles

III. Prophecies of comfort (Is 40:1–66:24)

- (2) Israel's deliverer (Is 49:1–57:21)
 - (E) Deliverance of Israel (Is 54:1–55:13)
 - (c) God invites Israel to be saved (55:1-13)
 - (i) Invitation to repent according to the terms of their Davidic covenant (55:1-7)
 - (ii) Potency of God's ways, word, and restoration (55:8-13)

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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.

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1 "Come, everyone who is thirsty, come to the waters! Also, you that have no money, come, buy, and eat! Come! Buy wine and milk without money and without price.

1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

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.

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2 Why spend your money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in rich food.

2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3 "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.*

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3 Pay attention to me, come to me; and listen, so that you may live; then I'll make an everlasting covenant with you, as promised by my faithful, sure love for David.

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

- Cf. Acts 13:34; Is 24:5

- "...everlasting covenant" - the New Covenant (Cf. Heb 9:15; Hosea 2:18-20; Is 42:6; 49:8; 54:10; 55:3; 56:4,6; 59:21; 61:8; Jer 31:31-33; 32:40; 50:5; Ezek 16:60-62; 34:25; 37:26-28)

- "...mercies shown to David" - promises that Messiah from his seed, sit on His throne, and set up an everlasting Kingdom (Ps 89:2-5; 19:37)

— Triumph over death and *sheol* (Ps 16:9-10)

— Peace and happiness to Israel (Ps 132:15-18)

4 "Behold, I have made him a witness to the peoples, A leader and commander for the peoples.

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4 "Look! I have made him a witness to the nations, a leader and commander of the nations.

4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

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."

5 "Behold, you will call a nation you do not know, And a nation which knows you not will run to you, Because of the LORD your God, even the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you."

5 "Look! You will call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that does not know you will run to you, because of the LORD your God, even the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

The Exhortation

6 Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near.
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6 "Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.
6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

7 Let the wicked abandon his way, And the unrighteous person his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

7 Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous person his thoughts. Let him return to the LORD, So he'll have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he'll pardon abundantly.

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(ii) Potency of God's ways, word, and restoration (55:8-13)

8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.

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9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

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God's Word

10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it produce and sprout, And providing seed to the sower and

bread to the eater;

10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;

10 "For just as the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, yielding seed for the sower and bread for eating,

10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So will My word be which goes out of My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding *in the purpose* for which I sent it.

11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it.

11 so will my message be that goes out of my mouth— it won't return to me empty. Instead, it will accomplish what I desire, and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

- Cf. Eccl 1:7: "Principle of Expositional Constancy" - idioms used throughout the Bible are used in the same way

God's Word and Israel's Exultation

12 "For you will go out with joy And be led in peace; The mountains and the hills will break into shouts of joy before you, And all the trees of the field will clap *their* hands.

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12 "For you will go out in joy, and come back with peace; the mountains and the hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees in the fields will clap their hands.

12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13 "Instead of the thorn bush, the juniper will come up, And instead of the stinging nettle, the myrtle will come up; And it will be a memorial to the LORD, An everlasting sign which will not be eliminated."

13 "Instead of the thorn bush the cypress will come up, And instead of the nettle the myrtle will come up, And it will be a memorial to the LORD, For an everlasting sign which will not be cut off."

13 Instead of thornbushes, pine trees will grow, and instead of briars, myrtles will grow; and they will be a sign for the LORD, and an everlasting name that will not be cut off."

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.