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THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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“Why Wouldn’t You Come?”

Discovering the Salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Prophecies of Isaiah

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Introduction to the Text: Isaiah 55:1-13

The title of the message tonight almost sounds like a conversation that you would have with some family members or some friends.

It sounds like the kind of question that someone might ask you as to “why you didn’t respond to their invitation” or “why didn’t you care enough to come.”

You might hear someone ask “Why didn’t you tell us you weren’t coming?” Where you might hear them say “We told everybody you were going to be there!”

Why Wouldn’t You Come?

1.) When God has said “Please Come” vs. 1-3a

According to the Bible – God says every human will live on in eternity. He has made it clear that a very conscious and vivid existence awaits every single one of us in eternity.

Also, according to the Bible - God says that every human being is born into this world on a path to destruction.

As humans, we are alienated from the fellowship of God.

We are not only in this world, the Bible says, that we are born of this world.

We Have Been Told We Need A New Life, And We Know We Need a New Life

:1 “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, 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 let your soul delight itself in abundance. 3a Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you.

:1 “Ho! Everyone who thirsts,
Are you thirsty?

What is spiritual thirst?

It is to recognize that something is missing in your life. I doesn't mean something as in – a little something. It's not some nut or bolt that's missing.

I'm talking about you recognizing that – within you is a hole about the size of the Grand Canyon. And you're discovering that you can't fill this hole!

Notice that - the invitation goes out to everyone.

John 4:10-14

Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” :11 The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? 12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?” :13 Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him **will become in him a fountain** of water springing up into everlasting life.”

An External / Internal Water Source by God.

Notice with me that, it's God's desire that the water that He provides is a water that is to flow from within. That means it has to be a source that is outside of us. By nature we have no original source of refreshment and comfort from within. It is not within us.

Jesus is saying it has to be placed within us.

And the source of all refreshing, living water is the Holy Spirit himself!

John 7:37-39

On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. **38** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." **39** But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Eternal State

The New Jerusalem comes down.

Revelation 21:6

and He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

Revelation 21:22-27

But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light. **24** And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). **26** And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. **27** But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Revelation 22:1-3

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. **2** In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. **3** And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it,

Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride (church) say, "**Come!**"
And let him who hears say, "**Come!**" And let him who thirsts **come**. Whoever desires, let him take the **water of life** freely.

:3a and I will make an everlasting covenant with you

Jeremiah 31:31-33

“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah **32** not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. **33** But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Israel – but we too, the **gentiles**
have been **grafted** in among God’s **chosen**.

Psalms 22:27-28

All the ends of the world (gentile) shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations (gentiles) shall worship before You. **28** For the kingdom *is* the Lord’s, and He rules over the nations (gentiles).

Isaiah 11:10c

For the Gentiles shall seek Him,

Why Wouldn’t You Come?

2.) When God has said “Mercy”

vs. 3b-5

:3b - - For the sure mercies of David. 4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, a leader and commander for the people. 5 Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who - do not know you – they shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you.”

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3.) When God has said “Return to Me”

vs. 6-7

:6 Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him (the wicked & unrighteous) return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

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4.) When God has said "I'm big enough"

vs. 8-11

:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

:10 "For AS the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

**too often, we have grown callous
to His "simply-profound" blessings**

:11 So shall (just like rain and snow) My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

The Bible is Supernatural in Every Way.

The Bible - Invites you to Experience God.

The Bible - is like a Surgeon's Scalpel that separates.

The Bible - acts as a Compass to your Soul.

The Bible - illuminates things in the dark.

The Bible – reveals to us why our future is so worth living.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

But as it is written: "*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*" 10 But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

2 Corinthians 12:2-4

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows - such a one was caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I know such a man - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows - 4 how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

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5.) When God has said "Go"

vs. 12-13

:12 "For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. **13** Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress 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."

a warning from Jesus to us tonight.

Luke 7:31-32

And the Lord said, "To what then shall I liken the men of this generation, and what are they like? **32** They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, saying: "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not weep.'

a warning from Paul to us tonight.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, as workers together *with Him* also plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain. **2** For He says: "*In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.*" Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.

_____ *End of Study* _____

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