

# Come, to the Waters...

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## Church-wide Requests: PRAY TOGETHER.

**Great Commission** (Mt 28:18-20): Disciple family, friends, neighbors & beyond

- The Church in Ukraine and Russia to be Spirit filled and have opportunities to share the Gospel and disciple people to Jesus
- For each of us, our church & the Global Church to FEEL the cry of maranatha (Come, Lord Jesus!) and to do everything it can to fulfill the Great Commission. That our hearts would yearn for Jesus

## Today we are going to unpack Isaiah 55

**Isaiah 52** – promises a Savior to God’s people... Israel and all of humanity is broken, sinful and needs saving.

**Isaiah 53** –... describes the Suffering Savior and how he plans on saving mankind

**Isaiah 54** – expands on the PROMISED BLESSING through this SUFFERING SERVANT – a blessing to ALL the nations

### Isaiah 54:1-3 (ESV)

“Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married,” says the LORD. “Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities.

### A. Isaiah 55: The Invitation – Come, everyone who thirsts...

#### Isaiah 55:1-13 (ESV)

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but

water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

**the INVITATION...** is to COME, COME, COME, COME, COME... Jesus beckons ALL people to COME to the banquet table!

And this Passage cuts right to the heart of it all... with all the hardships being experienced globally...

#### **B. Two kinds of people thirst:**

1. **The poor in spirit** – those who recognize they have nothing to give. They see their own sinfulness and lack and need for Saving...
  - a. **Jesus says**, "COME to the waters, Come, buy without MONEY"
2. **The self-sufficient servant:** They are spending their time and money... resources... trying to find something to fill that HOLE inside... anything...
  - a. **Revelation 3:17 (ESV)** *For you say, I am rich, I have prospered and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind & naked...*
  - b. **Jesus says to YOU today**, "COME, to the waters... Come, BUY without MONEY..."

**What he is offering at His banquet table....**

#### **C. Significance of Water, Milk & Wine:**

1. **Water – the sign of LIFE – Now & Eternal.**
  1. **John 4:13-14 (ESV)** Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
2. **Milk – strength & nourishment – what we need to GROW:**
  1. **1 Peter 2:2-3 (ESV)** Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
3. **Wine –the gift of JOY**
  1. **CAVEAT:** You do not need to drink wine to experience JOY & drunkenness and abuse of alcohol is SIN. 😊
  2. **Psalm 104:14-15 (ESV)** You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.
  3. **Wine was God's gift to mankind to gladden their hearts.** It was a central part of festivals and it was wine the Lord chose to represent his blood in Communion. It was even a BIG part of the first miracle Jesus performed.

**The offer?** LIFE given now and eternally – nourishment to help you GROW towards Him – Fullness of JOY that surpasses your hearts desires and circumstances!

**The invitation is for EVERYONE... the only requirement? THIRST! Today... do you feel thirsty?**

**PRAY:** Lord, show us our need for you...

**D. How we, “Come, to the waters...”**

Come, buy, eat, Listen, delight, seek, call, forsake...

**1. The basic requirement... COME...** once we come to the Lord, we can buy without price, eat what is good, and experience delight by the feast laid out before us!

**2. Worship & Praise**

- Worshipping with song is a GIFT God has given to us! as we worship HIM – we often find ourselves transformed in His Presence!
- FOCUS – they have found that multi-tasking is a myth- humans can only focus on ONE thing at a time.
- **With Anxiety** – they recommend practices such as grounding yourself. Since anxiety is an emotion that causes you to lose touch with the present and focus on a futuristic unknown... when you stop to touch, smell, name objects around you... drink cold water... count to 10... do progressive quieting exercises... you are switching your focus and grounding yourself in the present... which can have wonderful effects for your anxious heart!
- **When we worship the Lord something even BETTER happens! We GROUND OURSELVES IN THE LORD.** We center our hearts, emotions, FOCUS on Jesus! And so often find the “things of earth” grow strangely DIM in those moments.
- **Our biggest problem with worship...** 1) not enough time spent in worship; 2) we make it about US; 3) we think we need TALENT – JUST COME AND WORSHIP THE LORD!!!
- **COME...**Try: singing by yourself, singing with your family, your cell, worship night.

**3. Meditate on the WORD**

- Are we leaning into to God’s Word?
- There is a growing trend in our culture... even within the church... to lessen the importance of the Scriptures.
- “it’s just a book” “it’s not relevant” “I don’t have too” “that’s legalism”
- and yet... **John claims that Jesus is the Word personified! John 1:1-5 (ESV)**  
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- **Exodus 33-34 parallels with John 1:14-18**
  1. The revelation of God’s Word, the Torah vs the revelation of God’s Word, Jesus
  2. God dwelt among his people in the tabernacle vs The Word “tabernacled” or DWELT among men LITERALLY.
  3. Moses beheld God’s glory vs the disciples beheld Jesus’ glory
  4. The glory was full of grace and truth vs the glory was full of grace and truth
  5. The law was given through Moses vs the Law was given through Moses

6. No one could see all of the God's glory vs no one could see all of God's glory BUT it is FULLY revealed in Christ Jesus!!
- **The Word is more than a HISTORY BOOK** – it is a PROPHETIC BOOK that points us TO JESUS! It is God's revelation to us!
  1. Answers our origin story (Gen 1)
  2. Gives us our purpose in life (1 Cor 10)
  3. Reveals God's to us (the entire BIBLE)
  4. Protects us from deceptions
  5. Shows us where the boundary lines are (God's Moral Law)
  6. Teaches, exhorts, corrects, trains, etc. so we may be COMPLETE (2 Tim 3:16-17)
  7. Gives us direction & wisdom (Psalm 119:105, James 1:5)
  8. Gives us HOPE & LIFE – **Rom 15:4, Psalm 119:50 (ESV)** This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life.

**It is the revelation of God to us...** it is a prophetic book that points us FORWARD to our eternal future with Jesus – past fulfilled prophecy paving the way for our HOPE in the future fulfillment of prophecy – GUYS JESUS IS COMING BACK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- The very fact that a common argument is that we don't HAVE TO SPEND TIME IN THE BIBLE BECAUSE THAT'S LEGALISTIC – HIGHLIGHTS a much DEEPER PROBLEM!
- **Our hearts don't BURN FOR HIM...** the heart that BURNS for him will DO WHATEVER IT CAN TO DRAW NEAR TO HIM AND USHER IN HIS RETURN!
- **What we focus on and invest our resources in will CONSUME OUR HEARTS!! ONE MASTEER!**

**You are invited! To meet with JESUS himself and He has promised to give you what you need for LIFE, GROWTH & JOY!**

**Will we COME to the table?**

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**SC CHURCH WIDE PRAYER REQUESTS 2022**

**Cruise Ship → → → → → Battleship**

1. **Great Command** (Mt 22:37-40): Love God – Love people: hospitality, generosity, serving & empathy
2. **Great Commission** (Mt 28:18-20): Disciple family, friends, neighbors & beyond
3. **Word & Truth** (1Pet 3:15): Know the Gospel, grow in discernment, speak the truth in love
4. **Persecuted Church** (2 Cor 4:7-10): Religious freedom, freedom of speech, spiritual fortitude, wisdom
5. **Church Renewal:** Directors for India & the Chinese worldwide, make many global disciple makers (The Way)
6. **Leadership:** Wisdom and direction in the search for Lead Pastor and Executive Pastor