



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Isaiah Sermon Series

Supports Session 11: God Justifies

Sermon Title: "You Are Invited" (Isaiah 55)

Connection to Isaiah 53

God showed the whole world and Judah in particular that He can be trusted. God is going to make all things new, but He is going to do this in an unexpected way. Isaiah 53 is the clearest example in the Old Testament about how God is going to make all things new through His Suffering Servant. Chapter 55 is an invitation to get in on God's plan of redemption through the work of the Son.

Introduction/Opening

Invitations are always fun to receive. An invitation means that someone cares about you, and they are requesting your presence at an event that matters to them. Sometimes invitations are rejected because we are too busy or we simply do not care about what matters to the other person. The invitation that God issues to all of us through Isaiah in chapter 55 is an invitation that we would be fools to reject. This is the greatest invitation that has ever been issued. This invitation is an invitation to know God and be part of His Kingdom through Christ.

Outline

1. To what are you invited? (vv. 1-5)
 - a) What is being offered?
 - i. Food and water?
 - ii. More than food and water, a banquet
 - iii. More than a banquet, a King
 - iv. More than peace, a Kingdom
 - b) How do you get in on what is being offered?
 - i. You get it all without money.
 - ii. How do you get the King and Kingdom for free?

2. How Do We Come Into the Kingdom? (vv. 6-7)
 - a) How not to come into the Kingdom
 - b) How to come into the Kingdom
 - i. Seek the Lord
 - ii. Call out to the Lord
 - iii. Abandon your ways
 - iv. Return to the Lord
 - v. This is the gospel: faith and repentance

- c) What are the results of coming?
 - i. The compassion of God
 - ii. The forgiveness of God

3. How Can We Be Sure the Invitation is Valid? (vv. 8-13)

- a) What does the rain do for agriculture?
- b) What does God's Word accomplish?
- c) What does grace accomplish?

Conclusion

How do we know the gospel of grace works? The gospel of grace works because the gospel is God's idea. We would never in a million years dream up of a way to get back into a relationship with God or gain entrance into His Kingdom through the death of His Son. The gospel according to us would involve working off a debt or by promising good behavior. Our gospel would center on our works and our morality and our purchasing power. We can be grateful that the one and only gospel comes to us by grace alone, through faith alone, and in Christ alone. There is certainty in grace, and this assurance comes to us through the promise of God and the work of Christ.

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