

# An Offer Too Good To Refuse

Isaiah 55

# I. Only God Can Satisfy Our Needs, 1-5

# Water is scarce in East Sold by vendors (1)

Thirst: an endless, aching need

- **WATERS**: life, refreshment, Mt.5:6
- **WINE**: evil, 56:12; blessing, 65:8
- **MILK**: 1 Pt.2:2

# Come...Buy...Eat (1)

– Conditional –

Hunger: an endless, aching need

- COME: Give starving man
- BUY: money: he must go,
- EAT: buy, eat. Hb.5:8-9
- Buy without money (grace)
- WE owe; He paid

Israel listens to everyone  
but LORD (2)

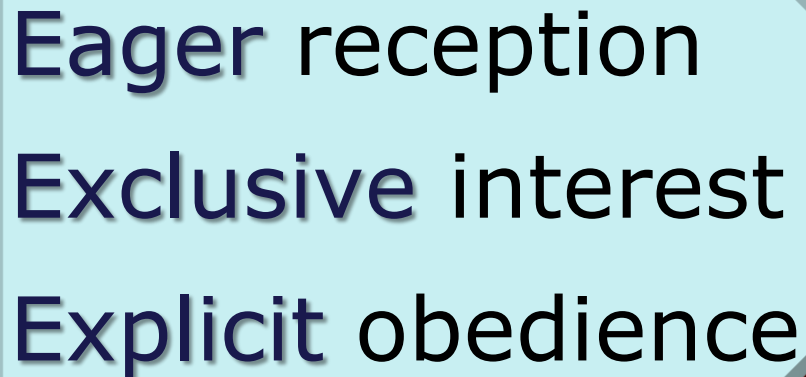
Spent money on bogus bread

- Lk.15:16, not filling
- Jn.6:35, only one source
- Ro.6:20-21, matter of life & death
- Dt.8:3, not by bread alone

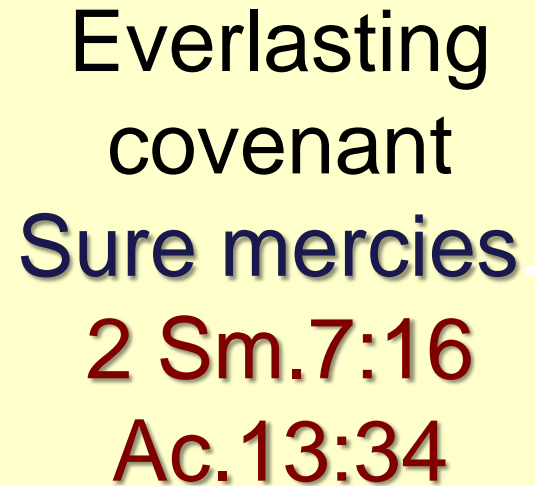
# What to do with ears: (3-4)

## – INCLINE –

Implies:



**Eager reception**  
**Exclusive interest**  
**Explicit obedience**



**Everlasting  
covenant**  
**Sure mercies**  
**2 Sm.7:16**  
**Ac.13:34**

# Prophet addresses Messiah: (5)

Call a nation He does not know  
to become His people

## Ephesians 2:12-13

- 1. Run** – call is effective. Is.2:2-3
- 2. Glorified** – 1 Tim.3:16

This world offers bogus bread  
and sea water

1. Worldly treasures. Lk.12:13-15
2. Worldly triumphs. Ph.3:...7-8
3. Worldly temptations. 1 Jn.2:15-17



I. Only God Can Satisfy Our Needs

II. Delay Can Be Fatal,  
6-7

# Our response to grace

- SEEK: to tread or beat a path...learn, study
- CALL: implies faith, obedience, repentance (7). [Mt.7:21; Ac.2:21; 22:16]
- WHILE HE IS NEAR: limited time offer

Luke 9:59-60

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**III. God's Plan Is Unique**

## 8: FOR . . . It Is Exclusive

- No one else saves; exclusive offer
- You may think you are too sinful... (7).

Contrast:

Ways / thoughts  
of man (7)

Deaf; Blind; Carnal

Ways / thoughts  
of God (8)

Is.53:11. 1 Co.1:23

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## 9: FOR . . . It Is Exalted

- Emphasis on height.
- Measure space?

<sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him. <sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us – Psalm 103

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10-11: FOR . . . It Is Effective

- Rain / snow never put on brakes

All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea *is not full*; To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again – Eccl.1:7

- So does God's Word (55:11) – His power also works in spiritual realm

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## 10-11: FOR . . . It Is Effective

- “But God doesn’t get everything He wants: Ro.10:21”
  - YET His ultimate will is accomplished. Mt.10:34-39 – separator

Better to reject  
invitation than  
apostatize (2 Pt.2).

Better to reject than  
to destroy others  
(Gal.2:4).

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- “But God doesn’t get everything He wants: Ro.10:21”
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...word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul & spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a **discerner** of the thoughts and intents of the heart



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12: FOR . . . It Is Emancipating

- God would lead His people out of Babylon with great joy
- God can do same for slaves of sin.

But He answered and said to them,  
“I tell you that if these should keep  
silent, the stones would immediately  
cry out” – Luke 19:40