

Isaiah: A Prophet for Our Time
An Everlasting Covenant
Isaiah 55

We live in a world that wants to think that in the end everyone who behaves will be fine. Our culture thinks that as long as we are good and treat people with respect, even though we may mess up from time to time, that God will still extend His grace in such a way that if there is a heaven, we will make it. If there is a hell, only really bad people will go there. Those are the lines that we draw and those lines are very subjective.

1. God invites us into an abundant kingdom.

2. God allows us to seek Him in repentance.

3. God empowers His word to transform us.

In a world where we are prone to wander from God, prone to find satisfaction in worldly things that do not satisfy, Isaiah exhorts us to feast on Christ and the goodness of God. The gospel promises forgiveness and mercy to those who will turn from the world, seek the Lord, and call upon Him. Yes, there are people that we think have done things that are unforgiveable, and there are some who may even think that of their own actions, but Isaiah promises that God sees things differently. Through the promise of His word, God offers a kingdom, not based on the merit or worthiness of its citizens, but one based on the unconditional love of its King.

Reflection

How does Isaiah 55 motivate you to thank God for His mercy to you in Christ? In Colossians, 3:1-2, Paul tells us to “set our minds on things above.” How does Isaiah 55:1-3 exhort us to do the same? What is the significance of water, milk, and wine and how is Christ the fulfillment of each of these? Why are we able to buy and eat without money? How is this promised feast paid for? What verses show us that God is infinitely better at forgiveness than we are? How should that comfort us in our moments that require repentance? What imagery at the end of Isaiah 55 points us to the idea that in the kingdom, the curse will permanently be reversed?