

Isaiah 55 is part of the section often called the “Book of Consolation” in Book of Isaiah (chapters 40–55). These chapters were written to bring hope to Israel during or near the end of the Babylonian exile after the Babylonian Exile. The prophet proclaims that God is restoring His people and inviting them into renewed covenant relationship. The chapter follows the famous suffering servant passage in Isaiah 53 and functions as a response to God’s saving work. Isaiah 55 emphasizes God’s gracious invitation to receive life freely, to repent, and to trust His higher ways. It concludes the section by highlighting the power of God’s word and the joyful restoration that accompanies His redemption.

*Have you ever eaten out somewhere hoping to be satisfied, but instead you were left wanting something more?*

**Read Isaiah 55**

1. What invitation does God give in Isaiah 55:1? See also, John 7:37–38
2. Why do you think people spend their lives pursuing things that do not satisfy? What are people looking for?
3. When and where are you tempted to seek satisfaction outside of God?
4. What does God promise when people listen to Him?

5. Why does Isaiah say to seek the Lord “while He may be found”? Can’t God always be found?
6. What dangers come from delaying our response to God?
7. According to verse 7, what does repentance involve? What must be abandoned? What must be embraced? Luke 15:20
8. What do verses 8–9 teach us about the difference between God’s thoughts and ours? Romans 11:33.
9. Why can trusting God be difficult sometimes?
10. Why does Isaiah compare God’s Word to rain and snow?
11. How can you become more intentional about listening to God’s Word this week?
12. What images does Isaiah use to describe the joy of salvation?
13. What does the transformation of thorns into cypress trees symbolise? Can you share something that God is currently changing in you?

## Prayer Points

Please pray for the team who enable the mission and pastoral life in the area of churches we are part of (South East Baptist Association). Pray for Joth, Paul, Andy, Steph and others who help serve the local churches in the South East.

BMS Prayer - Pray for the local authorities in Ghana, where the African Oasis Hub is training national mission workers. Localised flooding caused by drains blocked with plastic rubbish often hampers their work. Pray for better waste management.

## Sermon Notes



# BIBLE STUDY

March 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

## Isaiah 55 The Great Invitation!

The Book of Isaiah presents powerful prophetic visions that have helped to shape theology, especially regarding God's holiness, judgment, and redemption. Written in a time of political turmoil, Isaiah foretells both near and distant events. Many prophecies have been fulfilled in history and in the life of Jesus Christ. Isaiah predicted the fall of Babylon, the return of Israel from exile, and the rise of Cyrus of Persia by name. Most notably, Isaiah 53 describes a suffering servant whose rejection, suffering, and redemptive death closely parallel the New Testament accounts of Jesus, reinforcing Isaiah's enduring significance.

This series will help us to be faithful as we renew our focus upon the Lord, and fruitful as He fulfils His word.

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