

Isaiah 55:1-9

More than we Deserve!

Background:

God had taken the people into exile, away from their precious land and city of Jerusalem because they had refused to fulfil their promise to Him of being a Holy nation. God had sent many prophets to warn them that if they didn't change their lives that he would punish them, but they chose to do their own thing and followed the evil ways of the surrounding nations (2 Kings 17:15-17)

God said he would punish and so he did!

50 years later Isaiah is told to tell the people that the time of punishment is coming to an end and there are new and good things to come.

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Using images of luxury food and drink God is telling the people that there is an offer of a new life with Him.

They need to come close and listen and enter into a new relationship and purpose. God wants to be their provider. But they don't need to pay anything as what God is offering is free to all people.

Lessons for us

- **God still wants all people to come to Him.**
- **Our viewpoint of ourselves needs to be God's viewpoint of us.**
- **God gives everyone gifts to use and no one is excluded.**
- **Working for God may mean he may ask us to do all manner of things, but everyone can do simple acts of kindness which change lives for the good**