

## ***New Sermon Series: Let's Talk To God***

1/5/25 "Time Limit: Seek Him," Isaiah 55:6, MEV

**INTRODUCTION** Ever tire of working for more but not being satisfied? (skit: full hand)

**Context: (SPLB)** God calls His people to detach themselves from Babylon's influences (2) that they may enjoy His gracious, abundant meal (true satisfaction in Him as returnees to Jerusalem)

Many view OT & NT as separate documents from different periods for different purposes. But One Author, who often shares same msg in both (**EX: Isaiah 55:1 & Rev. 22:17**, "The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let him who hears say, "Come." Let him who is thirsty come. Let him who desires take the water of life freely."

**MAIN IDEA: Receive God's mercies.** How? Here are four things to do.

### **I. First, come to God (1)**

- A. we do thirst
  - 1. naturally for what we lack (God)
  - 2. but misidentify thirst as lack of worldly things
- B. we cannot fill that thirst no matter how much we spend
- C. God offers what will quench our thirst—without cost to us

### **ILLUSTRATION:**

### **II. Second, consider our striving (2a)**

- A. we spend money—use all of our worldly resources
  - 1. for that which cannot fill us (not bread)
  - 2. for that which cannot nourish us
- B. we pursue things that do not satisfy us
  - 1. keep spending in hopes of being satisfied
  - 2. waste our resources—and *time*

### **ILLUSTRATION:**

### **III. Third, listen to God (Me) 2b-3**

**Listen:** to hear intelligently, with attention & obedience

- A. eat what is good—that which only God can give
- B. that our soul may delight in abundance—God's gifts

**Soul:** the seat of emotion & desire

- C. that we may live [Live: recover, revive]
  - 1. a covenant from God

**Covenant:** Hebrew word for establishing a covenant means "to cut." A covenant is not made; it is cut. God cut Adam to create Eve, created covenant of marriage. A covenant relationship is not one of convenience or ease. It is a selfless, permanent relationship. Luke 22:20, Jesus said, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood." God has made an eternal covenant with us that cost Him dearly. And God makes us this covenant promise in Hebrews 13:5, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (**SPLF 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Malachi 2 :13-16 Kingdom Dynamics, Keeping the Covenant of Marriage**)

- 2. because of His mercies

- D. His promise is available to all (5)

### **ILLUSTRATION:**

### **IV. Finally, seek God now (6)**

- A. while He may be found
  - 1. His invitation is open
  - 2. but the time is limited
    - by our own lives—end at any moment
    - by His soon return—will come unexpectedly
    - by our own hard hearts—become too hardened
- B. by calling on Him
  - 1. in prayer
  - 2. in heart—fervently

### **ILLUSTRATION:**

**CONCLUSION:** God offers what will satisfy us. We need only receive from Him. Let us come to Him in prayer, giving up what we hold onto.

**ALTAR:** relinquish what is in your hand, seek Him now