



***The Cost of
Salvation
Isaiah 55:1-13***

Jesus Christ

***Sunday
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Isaiah 55:1-4

- 1 “Ho! Everyone who thirsts,
Come to the waters;
And you who have no money,
Come, buy and eat.
Yes, come, buy wine and milk
Without money and without price.
- 2 Why do you spend money for *what is* not bread,
And your wages for *what* does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and eat *what is* good,
And let your soul delight itself in abundance.
- 3 Incline your ear, and come to Me.
Hear, and your soul shall live;
And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—
The sure mercies of David.
- 4 Indeed I have given him *as* a witness to the people,
A leader and commander for the people.









*The
Sudanese
Shepherds*



The Cost of Redemption

- One must thirst and buy
- Do not seek what is unhelpful
- Listen to the Lord
- David is a perfect illustration:
 - *Begins as a shepherd*
 - *Sins provocatively*
 - *Repents abjectly*
 - *Rejoices as a spiritual leader*



Isaiah 55:5-7

- ⁵ Surely you shall call a nation you do not know,
And nations *who* do not know you shall run to
you,
Because of the Lord your God,
And the Holy One of Israel;
For He has glorified you.”
- ⁶ Seek the Lord while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near.
- ⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the Lord,
And He will have mercy on him;
And to our God,
For He will abundantly pardon.



***Abundant
Pardon***

Influence extends where you cannot
imagine

The Holy One of Israel glorifies you

Call upon Him while you can

Forsake wicked ways

God abundantly pardons

Isaiah 55:8-9



- 8 “For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts,
Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says
the LORD.
- 9 “For *as* the heavens are higher than
the earth,
So are My ways higher than your
ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.



The Thought Life of God

- God's thoughts and ways are superior.
- Natively, your ways are not My ways.



Isaiah 55:10-11

- 10** “For as the rain comes down, and
the snow from heaven,
And do not return there,
But water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
That it may give seed to the sower
And bread to the eater,
- 11** So shall My word be that goes forth
from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me void,
But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper *in the thing* for
which I sent it.



Isaiah
55:12-13

- 12** “For you shall go out with joy,
And be led out with peace;
The mountains and the hills
Shall break forth into singing before you,
And all the trees of the field shall
clap *their* hands.
- 13** Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress
tree,
And instead of the brier shall come up the
myrtle tree;
And it shall be to the LORD for a name,
For an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.”



The Power of God's Word

- Illustration of rain
- Word never returns void
- It prospers as I Will
- Issues in joy and peace
- Not the thorn but the Cyprus and the Myrtle
- For God's glory