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Reading: Isaiah 55v1-3,v6-13

John 7 “[If any man thirst let Him come unto me and drink](#)” (John 7:37)

Invitation is the same here. The word is to be sounded and spread abroad. It is a message of hope, a message that holds a universal solution.

So many universal solutions don't work but this one really is to all, all are included.

You might say, would God want me? It goes out to the addict and drunkard, satisfaction is found in Christ. It goes out to the religious, those trying through dead works. So often those trying have an emptiness there and must realise there is a lack. What about those in between? So many are in difficulties and stuck in a rut. Is there hope? Is there anything else? The invitation goes out “[come ye](#)”.

The world wants something to satisfy. We may look at family but they break down and let down. We may trust in friendship and relationships but they have a lack. Some try for financial satisfaction but they always want more.

The gap can only be filled by the Lord Jesus, the God of heaven.

Have you got a thirst for something more?
The solution for all is Christ.

This salvation (spiritual satisfaction) is a free gift. It is without money without cost, “[gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord](#)” (Rom 6:23). It is something we could never earn or buy but it is offered free.

There is a choice to be made v2.

Why continue to spend, spend, spend without satisfaction?

From the God of heaven comes the offer of complete satisfaction, joy and peace to be found through the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 2 – Lord Jesus turned water into wine. “[Kept good wine until now](#)” What Lord Jesus has to offer is only good and wholesome.

Whats it to be? Is it Christ or continuing on as you are.

For those prepared to come, “[Taste and see that the Lord is good](#)” (Psa. 34:8). God cannot break His promise and He offers everlasting covenant “[Give unto sheep eternal life... I and my Father are one](#)” (John 10:28-30).

v6 Universal appeal

There is a barrier between us and the God of heaven, we must needs seek Him. We have offended the God of heaven “[sin separated between you and your God](#)” (Isa 59:2). In our sinful state we are wicked. We are sinners in the sight of God. We have a bias to go our own way without any reference to God who made us and to whom we must answer.

There will come a time when He won't be found and is not near. When we pass from life to eternity it will be too late to do anything about it.

This is the time when He can be found “Behold now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor. 6:2). We can only be promised now, not tomorrow. Can't promise later tonight or a death bed.

Urgency to respond to time limitation of the offer.

If you ever want to be in heaven you need to be honest in God's sight. You need to get rid of the idea of I think. You must accept God's way of salvation. “Way seems right but ends thereof are the ways of death” (Prov 16:25).

God says, “None righteous no not one, none do good...” (Rom 3:10). As far as God is concerned we are unrighteous, we are not fit for God's heaven.

2 steps need to be taken.

Forsake our sins, forsake what we think, face up to fact that we are sinners.

Return unto the Lord with an active step of faith.

“Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out” (John 6:37).

There is room in heaven for all, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Rom 10:13)

Need mercy, sin demands judgment.

He has paid the price demanded and taken the judgment for us.

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus” (Rom 8:1).

God has devised a plan of salvation that could never have been devised by man.

“No other name...must be saved” (Acts 4:12)

The word of God has power to change and transform.

Joy – realisation on way to heaven with a mighty Saviour who will keep us.

“Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God” (Rom 5:1)

Rejoicing over repentance “Joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth” (Luke 15:10).

Creation looks forward to His coming: “For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God” (Rom 8:19). The curse will be lifted.

For the one who puts their trust in the Lord Jesus they are given power to live for Him.

A wonderful salvation, A wonderful Saviour.

Salvation comes through knowing Him, one who died and rose again.