The God Who Invites  Isaiah 55:6-13

Isaiah 53

v.4 – *He took up our infirmities* = frailty, illness, sickness, weakness, disability  
we will receive strength, health, no sickness, physical perfection and freedom

v.5 – *He took on our transgressions* = wrongdoing, misbehavior, disobedience;  
*our iniquities* = immorality, evil, injustice, crime, sin, wickedness

He gives us peace and spiritually healed. We are covered with His righteousness and declared not-guilty

v.6 – we have gone astray, turned to our own way
He welcomes us in and gives us identity as His sons and daughters, coheirs with Christ

God invites us to accept His gift of salvation.

Matthew 27: 50-51
And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split.

Romans 1:16
I am not ashamed of the gospel...salvation through Christ, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

God's invitation will not be available forever.

Isaiah 55:6
Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.

Acts 17:26-27
From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far away from any one of us.

When we accept His invitation, God is waiting for us.

Isaiah 55:7
Let him turn to the Lord; and He will have mercy on him, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.

Isaiah 55:8-9
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

He invited us through pain.
Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

John 16:33

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

Romans 5:3-5; Romans 8:18

...we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”

**God invites us to grab hold of his future blessings.**

Isaiah 55:12-13

You will go out with joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thorn bush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord’s renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed.

This future reign of Christ is also prophesied throughout the book of Isaiah and is described as a time of:
- Peace (11:6-7)
- justice (11:3-4)
- unity (11:10)
- abundance (35:1-2)
- healing (35:5-6)
- righteousness (35:8)
- physical presence of Christ (16:5)
- Christ will rule over whole world (9:6-7; 11)

**As we conclude:**

What excuses are you making to not accept God’s invitation?

Who are you passing the invitation on to?