

# ISAIAH 55:1-13 VISION 2019

## Isaiah 55:1-7

**1** “**COME!** Everyone thirsty, **Come** to the waters!  
And whoever has no money, **Come**, buy and eat,  
and **Come**, buy without money, wine and milk without price!

- 4X God calls us to come!
- Salvation is free! He waits for His creation to obey and come to Him!



**2** Why do you weigh out money for what is not food,  
and your labor for what cannot satisfy?

**Listen carefully to me,**  
and eat what is good,  
and let your soul take pleasure in **rich food**.

- Why do we waste so much money on things that never satisfy us?
- God compares His rich and sumptuous WORD to the greatest of all feasts!

**Ephesians 1:18-19**

**18** (the eyes of your hearts having been enlightened), so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what are **the riches of the glory of his inheritance among the saints,**  
**19** and what is **the surpassing greatness of his power** toward us who believe, according to the working of his mighty strength

### **3 Extend your ear, and come to Me!**

Listen so that your soul may live,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with you,  
**the enduring proofs** of the mercies shown to David.

- Oh, that our ears would hear You even better dear Lord!
- His mercy is proof of His love for each of us.
  - Everlasting proofs are found in His Word.
  - David's everlasting covenant is now ours in Jesus!

### **4 Look!**

I made Him (Jesus) a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and a commander for the peoples.

### **5 Look!**

You shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that does not know you shall run to you (Jesus),  
because of Yahweh your God,  
and the holy one of Israel, for he has glorified you (Jesus)."

- God made an example of Israel.
- Nations (Israel's enemies) will come and bow down to Jesus.

### **6 Seek Yahweh while he lets himself be found;**

call him while he is near.

- God says come!

#### **Psalm 145:18–19**

**18** The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,  
To all who call upon Him in truth.

**19** He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;  
He also will hear their cry and save them.

### **What is involved in "seeking the Lord"?**

1. It means admitting that we are sinners and that we have offended the holy God.
2. It means repenting (55:7), changing one's mind about sin, and turning away from sin and to the Lord.
  - a. We must turn to God in faith and believe His promise that in mercy He will abundantly pardon. Repentance and faith go together: "repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ".<sup>1</sup>

### 3. IT MEANS DOING IT RIGHT NOW!

- We need to listen and look – He is waiting for you!
  - CALL on Him right now!
  - Who should call on HIM right now?:

**7** Let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the man of sin his thoughts.  
And let him return to Yahweh,  
that he may take pity on him,  
and to our God,

**for he will forgive manifold.**

- Who wouldn't want God's forgiveness – right now!
  - **Manifold** = abundant, beyond measure
  - Raba: [רָבָה] 225 vb. be, or become, **much, many, great** (NH id.; Assyrian rabû, be great, grow; Arabic رُبَّ (rabā),<sup>2</sup>
    - Todah raba!

**8** "For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
and your ways are not My ways," declares Yahweh.

**Psalm 40:5** Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works  
Which You have done;  
And Your thoughts toward us  
Cannot be recounted to You in order;  
If I would declare and speak of them,  
They are more than can be numbered.

**9** "For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

<sup>1</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *Be Comforted*, "Be" Commentary Series (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996), 147.

<sup>2</sup> Francis Brown, Samuel Rolles Driver, and Charles Augustus Briggs, *Enhanced Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1977), 915.

so My ways are higher than your ways,  
and My thoughts than your thoughts.

The separation between God's thoughts and ours.

### **Romans 5:1–2**

**1** Therefore, because we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

**2** **through whom also we have obtained access by faith** into this grace in which we stand, and we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

### **Ephesians 2:17–18**

**17** And coming, he proclaimed the good news of peace

**to you who were far away**

and peace to the ones who were near,

**18** because **through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

### **How far away?**

- Far as the heavens are higher than the earth
- **What an unmeasurable distance is this little globe from the unlimited heavens, and the unknown worlds with which we are surrounded! And yet these inconceivable disproportions are nothing, in point of opposition, to the pardoning grace of God in Christ, compared to the guilt of man.** <sup>3</sup>
  - With an estimated light-travel distance of about 13.4 billion light-years <sup>4</sup> (and a proper distance of approximately 32 billion light-years (9.8 billion parsecs) from Earth due to the Universe's expansion since the light we now observe left it about 13.4 billion years ago), astronomers announced it as the most distant astronomical galaxy known. <sup>5</sup>
    - More than halfway across the universe, an enormous blue star nicknamed Icarus is **the farthest individual star ever seen.** Normally, it would be much too faint to view, even with the world's largest telescopes. But through a quirk of nature that tremendously amplifies

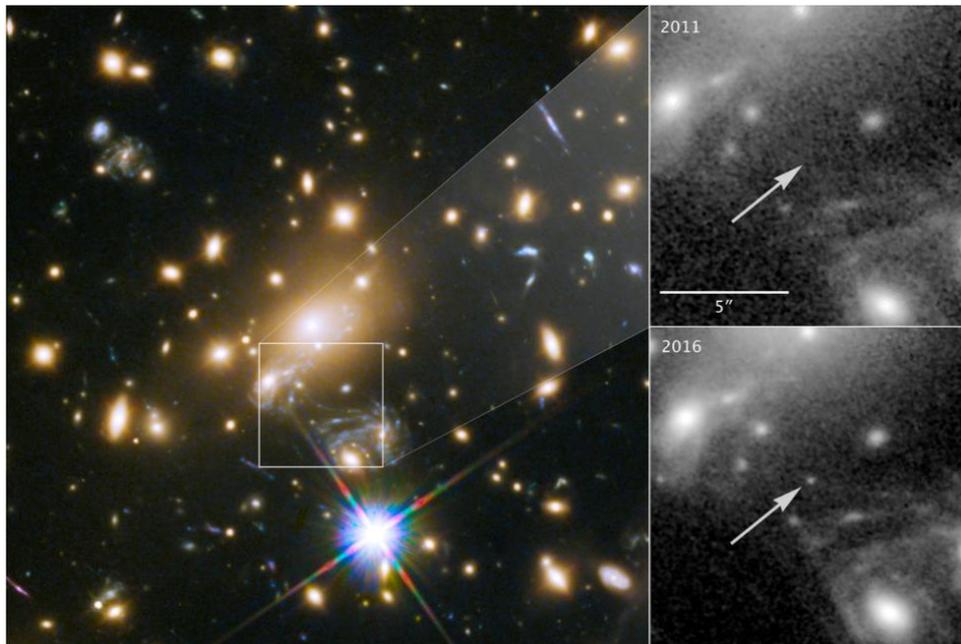
<sup>3</sup> Robert Hawker, *Poor Man's Old Testament Commentary: Proverbs–Lamentations*, vol. 5 (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2013), 468–469.

<sup>4</sup> Light travel distance was calculated from redshift value using [cosmological calculator](#), with parameters values as of 2015:  $H_0=67.74$  and  $\Omega_{\text{M}}=0.3089$  (see table in [Lambda-CDM model](#) article)

<sup>5</sup> Drake, Nadia (March 3, 2016). "[Astronomers Spot Most Distant Galaxy—At Least For Now](#)". *National Geographic*. Retrieved March 10, 2016.

the star's feeble glow, astronomers using NASA's Hubble Space Telescope were able to pinpoint this faraway star and set a new distance record. They also used Icarus to test one theory of dark matter, and to probe the make-up of a foreground galaxy cluster.

- The star, harbored in a very distant spiral galaxy, **is so far away that its light has taken 9 billion years to reach Earth.** It appears to us as it did when the universe was about 30 percent of its current age.



<https://youtu.be/GrSHzdE5zbQ>

Who is a God like ours that forgives your putrid sins that have separated you from the Father?

**Micah 7:18-19**

**18 Who is a God like you,**

forgiving sin and passing over rebellion for the remnant of His inheritance?  
He does not retain His anger forever,

**for He delights in loyal love.**

**19** He will again have compassion on us;

He will trample our iniquities.

And You will hurl all their sins in the depths of the sea.

We come as empty, broken cisterns

**Jeremiah 2:13** “For my people have done two evil things:  
They have abandoned me— **the fountain of living water.**

And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all!

- Cracked and leaky wells – dry containers that can hold nothing.
- **We were just told we can't understand the God of this universe.**
  - THEN – He sent His Word – Jesus
  - NOW – Jesus rains down His Word and Spirit

**The Spirit told me – train My church to get filled, get soaked, get enriched in My Word.**

- **He wants tom soak us with His Word and His Spirit.**
  - We're all sponges – soaking up what we fill our lives with!



Dry Sponge

vs.

Wet Sponge





## What happens when we are soaking in His Word and His Spirit?

**Ephesians 5:18** (NLT)

**18** Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be **continuously** filled with the Holy Spirit,

- Paul was constantly asking to be filled, and then God would pour him out:

### **Philippians 2:17–18**

**17** Yes, **and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.**

**18** For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.

### **2 Timothy 4:6–8**

**6** For **I am already being poured out as a drink offering,** and the time of my departure is at hand.

**7** I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith.

**8** Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also **to all who have loved His appearing.**

**10** For just as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and they do not return there except they have watered the earth thoroughly and cause it to bring forth and sprout, and give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

**11 so shall be My word that goes out from My mouth.**

It shall not return to Me without success,  
but shall accomplish what I desire  
and be successful in the thing for which I sent it.

**Isaiah 40:8** Grass withers; the flower withers,  
**but the Word of our God will stand forever.**

### **Living water:**

#### **John 4:9–15**

**9** The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?”

**10** Jesus replied, **“If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.”**

**11** “But sir, you don’t have a rope or a bucket,” she said, “and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water?”

**12** And besides, do you think you’re greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?”

**13** Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again.

**14** But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”

**15** “Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.”

### When you’re filled with LIVING WATER:

**12** For you shall go out in joy,  
and you shall be led in peace.  
The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you, rejoicing  
and all the trees of the field shall clap hands.

- Creation itself cannot help but praise God for the triumphant success of His word. <sup>6</sup>
- The rocks would cry out:

**Luke 19:40** And he answered and said,  
“I tell you that if these keep silent, the stones will cry out!”

**13** Instead of the thorn bush, the juniper shall go up;  
instead of the brier, the myrtle shall go up,  
and it shall serve as a memorial to Yahweh,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

**Ephesians 5:18–20** (NLT)

**18** Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life.

**Instead, be continuously filled with the Holy Spirit,**

**19** singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.

**20** And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### The CURSE REVERSED!

- Tell My church that 2019 is the year the curse is reversed!
  - Psalm 1 church
  - Obedience will bring the greatest fruits to your family.

<sup>6</sup> John D. Barry et al., *Faithlife Study Bible* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2012, 2016), Is 55:12.