

Friday 25 March 2022

Isaiah 55: 1 – 3a

55 'Come, all you who are thirsty,

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without cost.

2 Why spend money on what is not bread,

and your labour on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,

and you will delight in the richest of fare.

3 Give ear and come to me;

listen, that you may live.

So often we work so hard chasing a dream of wealth, possessions, prosperity, fame, power and yet we are never satisfied. John D. Rockefeller was once asked "How much money is enough money?" At the peak of his wealth, Rockefeller had a net worth of about 1% of the entire US economy. He owned 90% of all the oil & gas industry of his time. Compared to today's rich guys, Rockefeller makes Bill Gates and Warren Buffett look poor. With the astronomical wealth that he already had, his answer to that question was "Just a little bit more." When we hunger for things that are of this world, we are never satisfied, we will always be needing just a little bit more.

God calls us to come to him, offering us what we really need with no cost involved. Come and eat your fill, come and quench your thirst and be totally satisfied. Come and hear God's word, come and read what you really need. Come to God that you may receive life and life in abundance. Come to God and have that hole filled so that you will finally and truly be satisfied with what you have.

And so today I invite you to receive freely what God offers you, love, life, acceptance, forgiveness, someone who really sees you for who you are and values you for you and not for what you can do for them. Come and receive all that God is offering you and know what it is to be satisfied.

Prayer

Lord God, we spend so much time straining towards things we really need, things the world tells us we need to have and yet when we finally get them, they only satisfy us for a little while before there is something bigger or better that we now need. There seems to be this constant working towards things that just don't make us truly happy. These are all things that we think we need.

But you offer us what we really need, acceptance just as we are, love with no strings attached, forgiveness no matter what we do wrong, life in abundance and value for who we are and not what we have or what we can do. Help us to realise that behind the striving for wealth and things, what we are really looking for is acceptance and love, to be valued and seen and you offer those to us, and more, and you do it free of charge. Help us to hear your voice calling to us and drown out the voice of the world with its persistent call for more.

In Jesus name,

Amen.

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