

The Invitation to True Food and Drink

Promise: Jesus is the True Bread from Heaven

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Isaiah 55:1-5; Psa 136:1-9; Romans 9:1-13; Matthew 14:13-21

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Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? – v 28-29

Lead In – Can you picture in your mind’s eye an outdoor marketplace where merchants are loudly hawking their wares? Each one purports to have what you need, and each one invites you to turn aside and buy from him. So many voices, so many claims! But who offers to sell you something without cost? And who is not out to fleece you, but only has your best interest in mind? Indeed, who but the Lord! And He makes His invitation out in the open, amid all the other voices...

I. Why Do You Pay for That Which Is Not Bread?

- A. “Not bread” is false teaching and idolatry...
- B. Temporal bread is no substitute for eternal...
- C. The despair that there is any such bread...

II. The Invitation to the Heavenly Banquet

- A. Rich food and drink, and merry celebration...
- B. Death is swallowed up and tears are wiped away...
- C. Enter into the joy of your master...

III. Blessed Is He Who Will Eat Bread in the Kingdom

- A. Come for everything is now ready...
- B. Not knowing when hearing the invitation for last time...
- C. Listen diligently to the Lord, meditatively and daily...

Final Word – The marketplace is as full of clamor as ever. Many voices are shouting for attention. Promises abound. Beware of the idols posing as ideologies inviting you to sell your soul for a mess of potage. The one authentic voice offering an invitation of a lifetime is nearly drowned out. Nearly! How much longer the invitation to the heavenly banquet will stand, no one knows. But if you hear it today, then “Come buy wine and milk without money.” Incline your ear to the Lord, eat what is good, and your soul will prosper and live...

Ge 3:4-5 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Ex 20:3 You shall have no other gods before me.

Ja 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.

Dt 8:3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Daily Bread: Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health,

Heavenly Father, there is a hunger and thirst deep within us that is never satisfied. Help us to trust that it will only find its satisfaction in You. Help us to trust Your Word and wait patiently for Your rewards. Sustain us with Your Word and With Your Sacrament as we await the heavenly banquet. Lord God, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts... Amen.

Isaiah 55:1-15 ESV

The Compassion of the Lord

¹ “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Rolling Stones: “I can’t get no satisfaction 2xs, ‘Cause I try, and I try, and I try, and I try. I can’t get no, I can’t get no... (useless info from man on the radio; advertisements on tv on detergent and brand of cigarettes; broken relationships with the girls he meets) – Mick Jagger and Keith Richards

Is 25:6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

Lk 14:17 And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

2Co 6:1-2 Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Ro 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Je 15:16 our words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

Mt 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.