

Essential Food for Life (Isaiah 55:1-13)

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Matthew 4:4 (NIV) Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 6:11 (NIV) Give us today our daily bread.

1. Come to God for spiritual _____

Isaiah 55:1 (NIV) "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.

A. Nothing else can _____

Isaiah 55:2 (NIV) Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

B. You will find _____ life

Isaiah 55:3 (NIV) Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

2. Seek to _____ God

Isaiah 55:6 (NIV) Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

A. Turn from your _____ ways

Isaiah 55:7 (NIV) Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

B. Learn the _____ of God

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

3. Receive the _____ of God's Word

Isaiah 55:10 (NIV) As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

A. God's Word will accomplish God's _____

Isaiah 55:11 (NIV) so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

B. God's Word will give you _____

Isaiah 55:12 (NIV) You will go out in 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.

C. God's Word will _____ your life

Isaiah 55:13 (NIV) Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed."

John 7:37-39 (NIV) Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.

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Intro. Why do you think that many believers have difficulty reading God's Word on a daily basis?

According to Jesus, why is God's Word so important to our lives (Matthew 4:4)?

How would you explain to someone the necessity of daily spiritual food (Matthew 6:11)?

1A. How is it possible to buy spiritual food without money or cost (Isaiah 55:1)?

1B. What types of "spiritual foods" that cannot satisfy do people spend money and resources on (Isaiah 55:2)?

1C. What is the relationship between God's Word and eternal life (Isaiah 55:3)?

1D. What types of non-biblical teachings have separated believers and created so many different kinds of churches?

2A. Why is it essential to seek the Lord and call on Him now (Isaiah 55:6)? What are the dangers of procrastination in seeking God?

2B. How is the repentance described in Isaiah 55:7, both the way into a relationship with God and the way to grow in God?

2C. What does Isaiah 55:7-8 tell us about why the Bible is essential for spiritual life and growth?

2D. How would you compare the information you receive daily from society with the Word of God? Give examples.

3A. In what ways is God's Word like rain and snow (Isaiah 55:10-11)?

3B. What are the results of living by God's Word (Isaiah 55:12)?

3C. What is the process whereby God's Word removes thorny plants and replaces them with fruitful plants in a person's life (Isaiah 55:13)?

3D. How does the Holy Spirit work through God's Word to bring change in our lives (John 7:37-39)?