### Isaiah

## Chapter 55

1‘So you thirsty, now come to the water…  
 Come buy and eat without money…  
 Yes, come here and buy without paying  
 For even fat calves and the finest of wines!  
  
 2‘Why place money higher than bread…  
 Your efforts into things that won’t fill you?  
 Listen to Me and eat good things…  
 Yes, your souls will find joy in things that are good!  
  
 3‘So your ears must pay close attention,  
 And then you must walk in My ways…  
 Yes, come and listen to Me,  
 And your souls will receive all that is good!  
  
 ‘I’ll proclaim an Agreement with him throughout the age  
 For the sacred, trusted things of [King] David.  
 4{Look!} I’ll seat him as a proof to the nations…  
 As a ruler and signal to the peoples.  
  
 5‘{Look!} Nations you don’t know will call upon him…  
 Those you don’t know will seek refuge in him,  
 Because of your God Jehovah…  
 Because of IsraEl’s Most Holy One…  
 For by Him, you’ll be glorified.  
  
 6‘So you each must search for Jehovah,  
 And when you find Him, you must call out to Him…  
 Then, He will draw close to you.  
  
 7‘The irreverent should leave their bad ways,  
 And the lawless should abandon their evil plans!  
 For, if they’ll return to Jehovah,  
 Our God will show mercy upon them…  
 He’ll even forgive the worst of their sins!  
  
 8‘Your plans are not like My plans,  
 And your ways are not like My ways,’ says Jehovah.  
 9‘As far as the heavens are over the earth,  
 Are My ways higher than your ways,  
 And My thoughts higher than your thoughts.  
  
 10‘For as rain and snow fall from the skies  
 And do not return ‘til they soak the ground,  
 And the earth gives birth and sprouts [plants],  
 Which give seeds to the planters and bread as their food;  
 11So are the words that come from My mouth…  
 To Me, they won’t return empty,  
 Until they complete whatever I wish…  
 So I’ll prosper your ways in ways I see fit.  
  
 12‘Then, you will travel in joy,  
 And you will be led out in gladness.  
 For the mountains and hills will be leaping  
 And be ready to receive you in favor and care,  
 As the trees in the fields clap their branches.  
  
 13‘Instead of brush piles, cypress will grow,  
 And instead of briars, myrtles will sprout.  
 Then Jehovah’s Name will be known,  
 And throughout the ages, it will serve as a sign  
 That will never come to an end.’