

May 21st 2006: Mission month: Isaiah 55. Get excited about the message

I am told....as you exit the Gosnells Baptist.....car park

YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD

As we come....middle of our Mission month.....import for us to realise

That we too are missionaries...**With** a mission to perform...& a mission field to work in.

It is this..... makes it so vital.....that we are able to shareout of a real personal exp
& do so with enthusia and knowledge

Without knowing Jesus.....and growing in Him

We will come across as empty and false

Rather like the adverts on TV.....where the actorby saying how much they enjoy

Yet we all know.....that the likelihood of that girlwhose bare back we see but never

..of being a dentist.....and using that toothbrush every day.....is quite minimal

They are paid to do.....

But a Christian is not paid to share about Jesus

We do so because we know how good Jesus is for us.....and how good knowing Him
....would be for others

Sometimes however.....we need to be reminded of how wonderful....our salvation is
Need to be re-enthused about Jesus...Gospel...

About all that our God is...and has done

We need our tank of joy re-filled.....so that the messagejust leaks out of us

We need to revisit this wonderful message....in our hearts....minds

So that we will truly be Ambassadors of God's love.....in this needy world

(Terry Baker and the outback)

We seek to do a similar thingas we look at Isaiah 55

For in this chapter God touches our hearts again.....& also gives us His message for

- **Through most of the chapter....it is God who is speaking**

And as we stand back....and look at all that is said

There are 4 WOW statements that weled to make

- **THE FIRST RELATES TO verses 1—5.....WOW ! What a message !**

God offers to all people.....from all nations.....the only thing that will satisfy
...the deep inner thirst and hunger of their souls.....

A relationship with Him.....where He dwells within.....by the presence of the H Spirit
.....a fountain of living water....bubbling up within

Whatever else they seek in this life.....Whatever else they spend money and time on
It will never give them what they need most.....**A covenant of love with God**

And here is God offering it to all.....Freely.....without any cost.....charge

How possibly can God do that.....to sinners such as us ?????

Only through His Son Jesus.....who **He refers to in v4....**

Then in v5 God turns to His Son and makes this promise →v5.....

- **THE SECOND WOW statement.....refers to v6—9.....WOW ! What a challenge !**

After hearing what God has offered....the Prophet has to say something

And what he says is an appeal to people everywhere→ 6—9.....

There is need to seek the Lord for oneself.....and a real urgency about it.
At present He still may be found as Saviour.....**He is near to** each person
But the time is close.....when that will no longer be the case

But seeking by itself.....is not sufficient

There must also be a desire to reform one's life

To admit to the wrongdoing....part of all people

Not just in acts....but also in our thoughts:::.....**We are so far from a perfect holy God**

Even our good acts...thoughts.....alongside the purity....rags

Yet we can seek Him because of His abundant mercy

He yearns to forgiveeven the most shocking sinner.....and to draw each of us
...into His family as sons and daughters.....despite the weaknesses that persist in us
....even after we have come to Him

*Now we know how hard we find it to forgive.....partic those who are malicious
...who keep on doing the same bad and hurtful.....Who spit in our faces*

Yet God forgives us.....whose wrongs forced His Son to the cross.....

How can He do so ????

Well says Isaiah....It is even as God Himself declares.....v8—9.....
(*Testimony in the Priority TV Newsletter.....*)

Then the Third WOW statement.....refers to v10—11 WOW what a Promise !

It is a promise that relates to the effectiveness of God's Word

God promises that his word will be powerful and effective

We can have confidence.....in our sharing of God's message.....**because success**

..does not depend upon us.....It is bound up in the fact that it is God's

What a wonderful picture we are given here

The rain comes to earth with a job to do....and it does it...**Leaving fruit and harvest**

So does God's Word.....When it is faithfully and prayerfully proclaimed.....

God always honours it.....and it always fulfils God's purpose.

Then the fourth and final WOW.....refers to v12—13 **WOW what rejoicing !**

• **Rejoicing in our freedom**

Even as the Lord took His people.....slavery in Egypt

So the Lord has rescued us.....slavery to sin....to death...judgment

• **Rejoicing in His provision**

Even as the Lord led forth His people....through the wilderness and into

So the Lord is beside us....our journey through life....to eternity

He gives us His peace....presence with us always

• **Rejoicing over our new landscape of life**

Instead of our lives being full of thorns and briars

God grows in us the fruit of the Spirit.....and places in our hearts His joy

All this God does for us...because He loves us.....and it will be an everlasting sign

That nothing will destroy

This is the wonderful message we need first to personally accept

HAVE YOU ??

This is also the message we have to proclaim

May you feel excited this morning....**about** the opportunities God has prepared for you
to share it with others....while there is still time to do so.