

Isa 55:1-5
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The Everlasting Covenant Isa 55:1-5

1 "Ho! Every one who thirsts, 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 do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance. 3 "Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David. 4 "Behold, I have made him a witness to the peoples, A leader and commander for the peoples. 5 "Behold, you will call a nation you do not know, And a nation which knows you not will run to you, Because of the LORD your God, even the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you."

"Every one who thirsts,"

Mt 5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Jn 7:37-38 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.' "

Jn 4:13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

Rev 21:6 Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. (Rev 22:17)

"come to the waters"

Water is a symbol of grace (Isaiah volume II; by HDM Spence)

Water is common, abundant and freely given to all mankind; so also is the grace of God.

Water is absolutely necessary for life; no spiritual life can exist without grace.

Water cleanses our bodies from all uncleanness and pollution; The grace of God cleanses our souls from the filthiness and impurity of sin.

"have no money come, buy and eat"

Rom 3:27-28 Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. 28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

"delight yourself in abundance"

Rom 5:17 ... much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Ps 36:7-8 How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. 8 They drink their fill of the abundance of Your house; And You give them to drink of the river of Your delights.

Jn 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

“I have made him (David) -

A witness to the peoples,

Rev 1:5 from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, (Rev 3:14)

He “came to bear witness to the truth” (Jn 18:37),

A leader and commander for the peoples.”

He “feeds and leads” His people (Rev. 7:17)

He is the “Commander” under whose banner we serve (2Tim 2:3-4).

“an everlasting covenant”

It was made in eternity in the councils of the Godhead, between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is the all comprehensive covenant, including in itself the covenants of creation and redemption and God’s eternal purpose for man. All other covenants are a fragrance of the whole and are a progressive unfolding of this everlasting covenant. (from The Covenants, by Kevin Connors)

Everlasting covenant is used 16 times in the Old Testament (Gen 9:16; 17:7, 13, 19; Lev 24:8; Num 18:19; 2 Sam 23:5; 1 Chron 16:17; Ps 105:10; Isa 24:5; 55:3; 61:8; Jer 32:40; 50:5; Ezek 16:60; 37:26)

Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord,

“According to the faithful mercies shown to David”

God promised David that if his seed committed iniquity He would chastise them but not take His mercy away from them as He with Saul (2Sam 7:15; 1Chr 17:13).

For this reason David continually spoke of the covenant mercy of the Lord. (Ps 51:1; 25:6; 103:13)

The Davidic Covenant psalm also speaks of the mercy of the Lord. (Ps 89:1-2, 14, 28-34)

Ps 89:28-29 "My lovingkindness I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall be confirmed to him. 29 "So I will establish his descendants forever And his throne as the days of heaven.

The New Testament shows the ultimate fulfillment of the sure mercies of David to be the resurrection of Jesus from the dead as well as the resurrection of all believers.

Acts 13:34 “As for the fact that He raised Him up from the dead, no longer to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: ‘ I WILL GIVE YOU THE HOLY and SURE blessings OF DAVID.’ (2Tim 2:8; Rev 20:6)

“you will call a nation you do not know”

Rom 10:19 But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? First Moses says, “I WILL MAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION, BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU.”

1Pt 2:9-10 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

“For He has glorified you.”

You is singular – referring to Messiah, Jesus (Jn 7:39; 12:16; 20:17; Ac 3:13)