

"God's Great Invitation" Rev. 4/29/90  
Just a while back I read a very  
wonderful promise ~~in~~ the word of  
God — (It was just one of many  
you'll find there) ~~you know~~)

It was a promise God made and it  
was recorded by the Prophet Isaiah  
why not turn to the book of  
Isaiah, Chapter 55, and hold  
your fingers on Verse 6 Isaiah  
55:6 (And wait begin reading  
there is a minute or so)  
~~the weekend, etc.~~

This Invitation Reminded me of many  
the precious love Jesus made on the  
shores the journey of long suffering  
nature of God

It also Reminded me of Ephesians 2:8  
where salvation is spoken of as a  
gift of God, received after we  
expressed of actual ~~our~~ faith in  
God's promise.

Now I hope your appetite has been  
~~whetted enough that you'll listen~~  
Very carefully As we read together  
Isaiah 55 Verses 6 & 7 & 8 Do So →

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Let me Ask a Question ~~Now~~, Does that  
Bless your heart? It is our mic

Now, As one looks at that invitation,  
They would have to believe that it  
Not only Applied in Isaiah's Day, but  
our Day also. And that it could  
be Directed to Saved & Lost people  
~~at the same~~ alike //

Dear hearts, If a Lost Person is ever  
going to be saved They must do what  
Verse 6 says Seek & Call. And if  
a saved person who is Backslidden  
is ever going to Get back to a  
right Relationship with God they  
must do what Verse 7 says Do —  
(Go back to where they once were & change their ways)  
A Lost Person must let themselves  
be God's Need — in Need

2/ They must come to know that God  
never wakes His eye at sin // But they  
must also believe that God forgives  
/ God's sinners — ~~And He does~~

And  
a lost person ~~or~~ a backslider must  
come to understand that these words  
are not spoken in the sense of God  
tolerating sin / Rather that they were  
written to tell mankind how to  
be forgiven of sin !!!

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And  
a lost person ~~or~~ a backslider Believer  
must also understand that the Bible  
does not record one instance of  
God's pardoning anyone, while they are  
dead but on persisting in sin, ~~folks~~  
God just won't do it — (Never has / never  
will)

If this wonderful promise of God is to  
become a Reality in any one's life, they  
must see that God calls for them to  
quit sin and sinful practices, or be  
condemned to accept the terrible  
penalty for sin

Someone has said: "To be favored with  
divine favors, while still determined  
to keep on sinning" would be to say  
'God Approves' "And folks, that ain't so"  
(Now that's BAD Grammar, but it's the truth)

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Look at our scriptures very carefully  
In verse 7 God said: If lost man, woman  
boy or girl ~~all~~ to be forgiven, they must:  
① Say "Yes God, You sinned" And then turn  
from their Determination to sin // And  
if the person is saved and wants to get  
back to feeling about God as they once  
did / And if they are ever to return to  
the former ~~state~~ state they once  
enjoyed, "They must come back to  
God, and let His ways be their ways"

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Now here's what must happen if one is  
to be saved // or if one who is already  
saved is returned to favor with God:

The Natural ways of man must be  
dealt with // They include the Animal  
Appetites or habits they possess by  
nature — And which control //

3/ These habits that he has grown accustomed to // Money with the desires of their hearts must be evaluated // NOT AS MAN WOULD DO IT BUT AS GOD WOULD DO IT

(And you know I know that there is a difference) we won't tell God a secret, He already knows our habits, And what we get the most pleasure out of: Listen, somebody in Greece have to get back on the right road, and it sure isn't God - Amen -

Before a person is saved they travel the "Broad Road" // but when they were saved, they changed over to the narrow road // but somewhere along the way, some have missed a turn, and got back on the broad road (It's called backsliding)

(They're not lost their salvation, just got away from God) oh folks, let me tell you a truth, the broad road leads to destruction // but the narrow road leads to where you are?

And you know say Amen to that if you care to do so (when folks agree stick home, two Greece, they say Amen)

Look at Verse 7, The word "Forsake" is used  
there // I believe it means that our hearts  
to become so sick of sin, that they become  
Annoyed to ~~turn~~ <sup>turn</sup> from it // ~~and if you're bad~~

I believe it means "Acknowledge that  
sin separates us from God" And that  
they must either be done with sin //  
on understand that they will be  
undone by it

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As I see it, God's word is saying to every  
last one of us: If you want to be saved  
or to experience the joy associated  
with coming back to God you must:

- 1) Admit that you're sinned Rom. 3:23
- 2) And be truly sorry for them
- 3) Then determine in their heart/ that  
with God's help they they will forsake  
their wicked ways // Not just for a  
season // but for always - And it can be done  
(Philippians 4:13)

Did you also note that Isaiah tells us  
that we must deal with our thoughts 2

(He sure does) As one <sup>The writer of Proverbs says</sup> thought  
is as the heart <sup>so is the Pro. 23:7</sup>

4) You see dear hearts Lots of folks have  
unscriptural opinions they are holding on to  
Opinions about God // about His word // about  
Sin // about Punishment // about ~~Jesus~~  
opinions about self gratification

but In order to "Return unto the Lord" those opinions  
that are contrary to God & His word must be  
put aside = Oh but listen, to do so.  
Another problem must be dealt with (PRIDE)

you see  
"Pride" keeps folks from trusting God // because  
to trust God & believe God we must admit  
to God that there is something we can't  
do alone And some folks just won't do it

"Pride" keeps folks from admitting they have  
been disobedient And that disobedience  
has alienated them from God // but listen  
carefully: a person must turn to, or  
Return to God's way of doing things if  
ever they are to reap the rewards  
Isaiah 55:7 mentions

God's promise is: "If you will, I will" //  
"will what" Have mercy & abundantly  
bestow it" (How wonderful)

Now someone may be asking: but how I cannot  
on God's ~~2~~ will He do all these promises ~~3~~

And I say: Yes He will for you see  
God has never non will He ever break  
a promise

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Did you notice that the only thing God is  
wanting on is man // That's Right // It's  
Right then in verse 2 when man complies  
with God's way of doing business, It's Done

Did you also know that the only reason  
you are still wicked (lost) and there are  
still the foreign (backslidden) is because

They are not willing to cry out to God  
for help // Not me, I'll do it is a New  
Year's resolve = you see, before I came  
up here today I cried out for help -

Here's what I said: "Lord, I long to see someone  
saved // Lord, I long to see someone get back  
to the right way, but Lord / if it's going  
to happen, please God to do it / and if you  
will use me, I will appreciate it"  
Lord, I'm depending on you ==



5/ Oh but before we close, I must show something  
else with you, And that is: God's promise  
and all Ex compassing Listen to them:  
Let the wicked (all of them) Forsake his  
Way, And the Unrighteous Man, (all of  
them) His thoughts, And let him, (all of  
them) Return unto the Lord, And He (God)  
will have Mercy on them (all of them) For  
He (God) will Abundantly Pardon (all of them)

Oh my soul, Doesn't that Bless Your heart?  
(It sure does mine)

Dear hearts were you showing Gods Personal  
& wonderful Invitation And its IRREVOCABLE  
But you Must accept it exactly as God  
extended it //

If you do <sup>IF</sup> And you are already saved, your sins  
will be forgiven & you'll be returned to  
a place of usefulness to God. // And if you  
are lost and you do what v. 6 & 7 says your  
soul will be saved & sealed // And in both  
cases <sup>those</sup> your sins will never be held against  
you again

oh But listen, if you Respect Gods Personal  
& wonderful Invitations, And Continue in  
your old ways — You Can Blame no One  
for the Consequences But yourself

I Encourage you All / Save or Lost / to  
Comply with Gods Demands / And As you  
do, Assure you that all the Promises  
God has made, "Mercy & forgiveness will  
be yours" = Not because I said so, But because  
Gods words says so

Let me Ask Everyone to bow your head & close your  
Here's what God says, (~~with your bow your hands~~  
~~And close your eyes as you listen~~) "Seek  
ye the Lord while He may be found // Call  
ye upon Him while He is near / Let the  
Backslider think their ways // And let Him  
Return unto the Lord, And He will have  
Mercy upon Him, And God will abundantly  
Pardon" (Now a backslider is one who  
is not as close to the Lord as they once were)

Will you be honest with yourself & with  
God? Are you here lost // Never having sought  
the Lord // Never having asked Jesus to save you?

4/ Im here to tell you, There's Hope / Jesus  
really come for you & wants to save you  
right now // when we begin to bring / after  
we pray you be the first to come about let  
this loving caring pastor tell you how to be  
saved // He'd love to do it =

Are you here saved / But you know that all is  
not well between you and the Lord // maybe  
you're not as close or submissive to the Lord  
as you once were or need to be / maybe  
you're not ~~made~~ made an unconditional  
surrender of your all to Jesus -

Dear hearts, "He's either Lord of all / or He's  
not Lord at all" // when we bring / after  
we pray, you step out and come to  
your pastor, He'll pray with & for you

You see Revival comes, when <sup>Saved</sup> ~~all~~ people say  
"All to Jesus & Surrender" // Do you want  
Revival? Then come commit yourself to it.

Looking for a church home? Let me recommend  
Southside Baptist Church / Here is a pastor who comes

And a people who come — you come an  
God leads — May we pray

Ask here to come stand, ready to  
Receive of pray for any who come  
You lead the way several persons

Oh Father, Listen, The Scripture we read  
Speaks of urgency // a need to act  
Quickly — So please do

Larry, Lets pray -

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