

Sermon Series: The Pilgrim's Progress
"Escaping From Vanity Fair"
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Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-9*

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because the Lord your God, the holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him when He is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Discussion Questions:

1. What verse particularly jumped out at you? Why?
2. What is the spiritual significance of the invitation in Isaiah 55:1 for you?
3. What is the one thing you must do to attend the banquet provided by the Father?
4. How is the bread mentioned here (vs. 2) like Jesus referred to as the "bread of life"?
5. What is the difference between "seeking the Lord" and "seeking the Lord while He may be found"?
6. How do the ways and thoughts of God differ from those of people?
7. What should you do to align your thoughts with God's thoughts?
8. What are some things that you work hard to acquire that don't satisfy?
9. How much time, effort and money do you spend trying to acquire them?