

Be Amazed

(There is room at this table for you)

Moment of Quiet Reflection – Isa 55

“Come, all you who are thirsty,
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 spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

³ Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.

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Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Matthew's Conclusion

Matthew then, sums up the entire sermon with these words:

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Conclusion

Content of this conclusion has been present throughout the sermon

Main point: Jesus the Son of God – directed to the Preacher!

Move beyond the moral, ethical, spiritual teachings to the Person

Conclusion

Why should I pay attention to this sermon, why should I put it into practice? Because of the Preacher – it's about Him.

If we doubt the Incarnation, our view and attitude of the sermon changes.

The whole of the Scripture points us to Christ.

Jesus – a “common man” saying remarkable things

Amazed with his authority

Contrasted with the scribes who had little original thought

Amazed with his confidence

You have heard it said, but I say...

Other statements of fact

Explicit personal claims

If you suffer, for my sake

“I am come” – referring to the Incarnation

Jesus – a “common man” saying remarkable things

Jesus came to fulfill, not destroy the law

He is the one the Scriptures point to, he is the center of it all

He is the Messiah

He is the Judge

Astonishment

Son of God himself speaking

No mere ethical outline for a way of life, but the Son of God in the flesh outlining what it looks like to live a Kingdom life

The message is ultimately this – that Christ condemns once and for all any trust in human endeavor and natural ability regarding the matter of salvation

Jesus does the forgiving

Jesus himself that makes us clean, he alone forgives sin.

The old covenant was never enough and there was always a plan to upgrade the temporary system.

Old system: sacrifice of something else to cover the sins of the people

New system: used the sacrifice of one person - both human and divine, to do this once and for all.

We can't impress God through our pursuits of perfection, but we can acknowledge Christ's sacrifice on our behalf and trust in it instead of ourselves.

Living on Borrowed Righteousness

“I obey so I'm accepted”

“I'm accepted and loved therefore I obey”.

Come to the Table

Under law - “get yourself cleaned up and you can join us at the table”.

With Jesus - “come to the table, and I will make you clean”.

At the table, Jesus:

Heals. His grace is dispensed through his presence and words, through his own sacrifice.

Envisions. Those around the table catch a new vision of what a kingdom society could look like.

Offers Hope. A taste of the paradise that is to come.

David & Mephibosheth 2 Sam. 9



Is there room at your table for me?

About restoration, breaking down barriers

Lepers made whole

Woman with a bleed restored to society

Zacchaeus restored to his true self

Inclusion, not exclusion

Just come and sit down

Isaiah 25

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

Isaiah 25

⁹ In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;

we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;

let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Come to the Table

Come to the table and savor the sight
The wine and the bread that was broken
And all have been welcomed to come if they might
Accept as their own these two tokens

The bread is His body, the wine is the blood
And the one who provides them is true
He freely offers, we freely receive
To accept and believe Him is all we must do

Come to the table and taste of the glory
And savor the sorrow, He's dying tomorrow
The hand that is breaking the bread
Soon will be broken

And here at the table, sit those who have loved You
One is a traitor and one will deny
But He's lived his life for them all
And for all be crucified

Come to the Table

Come to the table He's prepared for you
The bread of forgiveness, the wine of release
Come to the table and sit down beside Him
The Savior wants you to join in the feast

Come to the table and see in His eyes
The love that the Father has spoken
And know you are welcome, whatever your crime
For every commandment you've broken

For He's come to love you and not to condemn
And He offers a pardon of peace
If you'll come to the table, you'll feel in your heart
The greatest forgiveness, the greatest release

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