

**Sermon Notes**  
**Good News Church**  
***Greatest Hits of the Bible***  
**“Feasting and Remembering”**  
**(a pre-Memorial Day message)**  
**Isaiah 55:1-3**  
**Drue Warner**  
**5-17-26**

**FEASTING WITH GOD**

- Abraham, Sarah and 3 Visitors - God and two angels (Genesis 18) 2,000 B.C.
- Passover (Exodus 12) 1,500 B.C.
- Moses on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 24)
  - **<sup>9</sup> Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup> and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. <sup>11</sup> But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.” – Exodus 24:9-11**
- Seven Prescribed Feasts (Leviticus 23) - Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, Weeks, Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles
- Messianic Banquet (Isaiah 25:6) - outcasts
- Parable of the Great Feast (Luke 14, Matthew 22) - Back row people - overlooked
- Jesus’ Last Supper (Luke 22) - misfits
- Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9) - unfits

**Celebration of Feasting - Representative of the celebration of the goodness of God.**

<sup>5</sup> “Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. <sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals. <sup>7</sup> How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. **<sup>8</sup> They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.** <sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.” – Psalm 36-5-9

**ISAIAH Big Picture – a mix of prophecy of judgment, Messiah, and eternal destiny.**

**Chapters 1-39 Bad News (mostly)**

- God's accusations of Israel's idolatry and coming punishment

**Chapters 40-66 Good News (mostly)**

- God's love for Israel and promise to forgive and restore

**ISAIAH 25 Prophecy of Provision**

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. <sup>2</sup> You have made the city (representative of our enemies) a heap of rubble, the fortified town a ruin, the foreigners’ stronghold a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.

**<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> On this mountain he will destroy the**

shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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."

### **ISAIAH 55:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> "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.**

<sup>2</sup> **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.

<sup>3</sup> **Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.** I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

**This was all foreshadowing and prophecy paving the way for Jesus 700 years later.**

**Jesus is the fulfillment of every picture of feasting throughout the Bible.**

**And His invitation is... Come!**

*Then Jesus declared, "I am **the bread of life**. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." - John 6:35*

*Jesus said to him, "I am **the way, the truth, and the life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me." - John 14:6*

*"**Come to Me**, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."*

– Matthew 11:28

**Even more, Jesus IS the Feast! Which is why He said...**

"Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. **Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life**, and I will raise them up at the last day." – John 6:53-54

**And at the Last Supper...**

<sup>26</sup> **While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."**

– Matthew 26:26

**Are you hungry? Are you thirsty?** The buffet tables and bars of this world will never satisfy the hunger and thirst in the depths of your soul. The only One who can satisfy us where it matters most, is Jesus.

- **Ryan Lochte, Olympic gold medalist**, recently surrendered his life to Christ. When asked how this compares to all the gold medals he's won (3<sup>rd</sup> most), he said that he keeps them in his sock drawer (similar answer to Scott Hamilton re: underwear drawer).

### **CHOCOLATE MILK (11-29-15)**

When Micah started kindergarten (his first year of school), it was a huge deal! If you've been there, you know. As we prepped him, we explained that, even though we would pack him a lunch every day, if he ever wanted anything in the cafeteria, all he would need to do is show whatever he wanted to the lunch lady, tell her his name, and it would be paid for. We explained that mommy and daddy were giving money to the school so that he could buy stuff without using money.

**Micah never felt comfortable with the process, so he just avoided buying anything in the cafeteria, until one day, three months into the school year, he really wanted chocolate milk.**

He must have still been intimidated, because instead of bringing the chocolate milk to the lunch lady, telling her his name, and trusting that it would be paid for, he tucked the chocolate milk under his shirt in hopes of avoiding the process altogether.

**Needless to say, he got busted!** The lunch lady was gracious, though. She reminded him that his mommy and daddy had already paid for him to have anything he wanted, whenever he wanted it. So, he showed her the chocolate milk, gave his name, and to his relief, was sent on his way (with a smile from the lunch lady) to his lunch table.

### **CONCLUSION**

As I reflected on this story, I realized that I do the very same thing with God.

**In Christ, we have everything we could possibly ever want or need, but we still try to take things into our own hands.** Why? We don't trust Him. We just don't believe that He has, not only paid my debt, but filled our account with unlimited resources. So, we tuck the chocolate milk under our shirt and try to take care of things ourselves.

In Isaiah 55:1 God says to us, **"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without price."**

Our loving Heavenly Father says to you and to me, **"Come child, there's no need to steal the milk. My resources are limitless, and everything I have, I give to you. You, who have no money, come buy and eat, and yes, even chocolate milk is "on the house!"**

Where are you struggling to believe that to be true? Tell Him and then ask Him for the faith to believe. He'll give that to you, too.

Every Sunday, on my way to church, I pass a yard sign that says, **"FREE BREAD. JESUS LOVES YOU!"** That's a great summary of this message... **"Free Bread. Jesus Loves You!"**

**And THAT'S Good News!**