

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

- ¹ Hear, everyone 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 price.
- ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

Palm 145:8-9, 14-21

- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ LORD, you are good to all,
 and your compassion is over all your works.
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
 and lifts up those who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
 and you give them their food in due season.
- ¹⁶ You open wide your hand
 and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ You are righteous in all your ways
 and loving in all your works.
- ¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
 to all who call upon you faithfully.
- ¹⁹ You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
 you hear their cry and save them.
- ²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
 but all the wicked you shall destroy.
- ²¹ My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
 let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.