

**May 21<sup>st</sup> 2006: Mission month: Isaiah 55. Get excited about the message**

*I am told....as you exit the Gosnells Baptist.....car park*  
**YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD**

**As we come....middle of our Mission month.....import for us to realise**

That we too are missionaries...With a mission to perform...& a mission field to work in.

**It is this.... makes it so vital** .....that we are able to share ....out of a real personal exp  
& do so with enthusiasm and knowledge

*Without knowing Jesus.....and growing in Him*

*We will come across as empty and false*

*Rather like the adverts on TV.....where the actor .....by saying how much they enjoy*

*Yet we all know.....that the likelihood of that girl ....whose bare back we see but  
never*

*..of being a dentist.....and using that toothbrush every day.....is quite minimal*

**They are paid to do.....**

But a Christian is not paid to share about Jesus

**We do so because** we know how good Jesus is for us.....and how good knowing Him  
....would be for others

**Sometimes however**.....we need to be reminded of how wonderful....our salvation is  
Need to be re-enthused about Jesus...Gospel...

About all that our God is...and has done

**We need our tank of joy re-filled.....**so that the message .....just leaks out of us

**We need to revisit this wonderful message**....in our hearts....minds  
So that we will truly be Ambassadors of God's love.....in this needy world

*(Terry Baker and the outback)*

## **We seek to do a similar thing .....as we look at Isaiah 55**

For in this chapter God touches our hearts again.....& also gives us His message for

- **Through most of the chapter....it is God who is speaking**

And as we stand back....and look at all that is said

**There are 4 WOW statements that we ....led to make**

- **THE FIRST RELATES TO verses 1—5.....WOW ! What a message !**

**God offers to all people.....from all nations.....the only thing that will satisfy**  
...the deep inner thirst and hunger of their souls.....

**A relationship with Him.....where He dwells within....by the presence of the H Spirit**  
.....a fountain of living water....bubbling up within

**Whatever else they seek in this life.....**Whatever else they spend money and time on  
It will never give them what they need most.....**A covenant of love with God**

**And here is** God offering it to all.....**Freely**.....without any cost.....charge

**How possibly can God do that.....to sinners such as us ?????**

Only through His Son Jesus.....who **He refers to in v4....**

**Then in v5 God turns to His Son and makes this promise →v5.....**

- **THE SECOND WOW statement....refers to v6—9....WOW ! What a challenge !**

**After hearing what God has offered....**the Prophet has to say something  
And what he says is an appeal to people everywhere → 6—9.....

**There is need to seek the Lord for oneself.....and a real urgency about it.**  
At present He still may be found as Saviour.....**He is near to** each person  
But the time is close.....when that will no longer be the case

**But seeking by itself.....is not sufficient**

Their must also be a desire to reform ones life

**To admit to the wrongdoing....part of all people**  
Not just in acts....but also in our thoughts:::::::**We are so far from a perfect holy God**  
Even our good acts...thoughts.....alongside the purity....rags

**Yet we can seek Him because of His abundant mercy**

**He yearns to forgive .....**even the most shocking sinner.....and to draw each of us  
...into His family as sons and daughters.....despite the weaknesses that persist in us  
....even after we have come to Him

*Now we know how hard we find it to forgive.....partic those who are malicious  
...who keep on doing the same bad and hurtful.....Who spit in our faces*

**Yet God forgives us.....whose wrongs forced His Son to the cross.....**  
**How can He do so ????**

**Well says Isaiah....**It is even as God Himself declares.....v8—9.....  
(*Testimony in the Priority TV Newsletter.....*)

**Then the Third WOW statement.....refers to v10—11   WOW what a Promise !**  
It is a promise that relates to the effectiveness of God's Word

**God promises that** his word will be powerful and effective  
We can have confidence.....in our sharing of God's message.....**because success**  
..does not depend upon us.....It is bound up in the fact that it is God's

**What a wonderful picture we are given here**

The rain comes to earth with a job to do....and it does it....**Leaving fruit and harvest**

**So does God's Word**.....When it is faithfully and prayerfully proclaimed.....

God always honours it.....and it always fulfils God's purpose.

**Then the fourth and final WOW**.....refers to v12—13    **WOW what rejoicing !**

• **Rejoicing in our freedom**

Even as the Lord took His people.....slavery in Egypt  
So the Lord has rescued us.....slavery to sin....to death...judgment

• **Rejoicing in His provision**

Even as the Lord led forth His people....through the wilderness and into  
So the Lord is beside us....our journey through life....to eternity

He gives us His peace....presence with us always

• **Rejoicing over our new landscape of life**

Instead of our lives being full of thorns and briers  
God grows in us the fruit of the Spirit.....and places in our hearts His joy

**All this God does for us**....because He loves us.....and it will be an everlasting sign

That nothing will destroy

**This is the wonderful message we need first to personally accept**

**HAVE YOU ??**

**This is also the message we have to proclaim**

May you feel excited this morning....**about** the opportunities God has prepared for you  
to share it with others....while there is still time to do so.