

# Scripture

## Isaiah 55:1-9 (NLT)

### Invitation to the Lord's Salvation

1 “Is anyone thirsty?

Come and drink —

even if you have no money!

Come, take your choice of wine or milk—  
it's all free!

2 “Why spend your money on food that does  
not give you strength?

Why pay for food that does you no good?

Listen to me, and you will eat what is good.

You will enjoy the finest food.

- 3 “Come to me with your ears wide open.  
Listen, and you will find life.  
I will make an everlasting covenant with you.  
I will give you all the unfailing love  
I promised to David.
- 4 “See how I used him to display my power  
among the peoples.  
I made him a leader among the nations.
- 5 You also will command nations you do not  
know, and peoples unknown to you will  
come running to obey,  
because I, the Lord your God, the Holy One  
of Israel, have made you glorious.”

6 “Seek the Lord while you can find him.  
Call on him now while he is near.

7 Let the wicked change their ways  
and banish the very thought of doing  
wrong.

Let them turn to the Lord that he may  
have mercy on them.

Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive  
generously.

- 8 “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,”  
says the Lord.  
And my ways are far beyond anything you  
could imagine.
- 9 “For just as the heavens are higher than the  
earth, so my ways are higher than your  
ways and my thoughts higher than your  
thoughts.
- 10 “The rain and snow come down from the  
heavens and stay on the ground to water  
the earth.

“They cause the grain to grow,  
producing seed for the farmer  
and bread for the hungry.

- 11** “It is the same with my word.  
I send it out, and it always produces fruit.  
It will accomplish all I want it to,  
and it will prosper everywhere I send it.”