

The Divine Tapestry

PART 78

Isaiah - Part 7

“The Ancient Gospel Call”

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One old-time preacher wrote, “Dr. Faustus was very dear to legend in the Middle Ages. He burned with desire to drink his fill of all the pleasures of his life; but he could not gain them by his own unaided skill. He therefore made a contract with Satan. It was drawn out in the most lawyer-like style, and Faustus signed it with his own blood. It was stipulated that during the next twenty years he should have the run of all earth’s pleasures, and then his soul and body were to be given over to Satan. He began with the sweets of knowledge, but soon he forsook them in disgust, and plunged into the fiercer and coarser excitements of the senses. Amid many horrors the body and soul of Faustus were seized by Satan just as the clock struck twelve at night on the last day of the specified period. These legends hold some of the most solemn secrets of life. They teach that every man has a soul to dispose of; that men, like the fallen angels, may ruin themselves with their eyes open

and that the greatest transactions of the soul may be likened to buying and bargaining.”

**SEVEN MORE PICTURES OF MESSIAH
IN ISAIAH 40-66**

- Messiah “**Servant** of the Lord” (42:1-7)
- Messiah’s **Mission** (49:1-6)
- Messiah’s Gethsemane and **determination** (50:4-9)
- Messiah as **Suffering Servant** and sacrifice (52:13-53)
- Messiah’s unfailing **grace** (55)
- Messiah’s proclamation of **Good News** (66:1-3)
- Messiah as **conqueror** (63:1-6)
- The Messiah’s work is truly the central focus of the book of Isaiah ... some have called it the fifth **Gospel!**

THE CALL

Isaiah 55:1

- **THE SCENE:**

- A **market place**

- Competing **voices** and **products** abound.

- Each one calls out ... “This will truly **satisfy**.”

- The market is filled with **hungry**, empty, **penniless** people shuffling from one seller to the next.

- **THE SELLER:**

- In the midst of the noisy market one **voice** calls out.

- Ho = “**Hoy**” used in **funeral laments** and oracles of warning.

- Come = 3 times ... “Get over here! I will sell you (**for free**) an **eternal** supply of that which your soul craves!”

WHY BUY?

- Why **buy** that which is free?
- Buying involves **choosing**.
- Buying requires a **transaction**.
- Buying implies **owning** with intent to use.

INDECISION

Q. How long do I have to **decide**?

A. You are only **promised** today ... do it now! (v. 6)

- Objection #1: I have been too **wicked!**

A. God is **compassionate** ... pardon is **free** (vv. 7-9).

Side Note: He doesn't **think** like **you!**

- Objection #2: Nothing can help my **situation**.

A. God's Word holds the **key** ... He will **transform** you and **reshape** your future! (vv. 10-13)

WRAP

- Note: The seller is **Christ** (John 7:37).
- Will you **buy**?