

## When God's Word Pours Down Like Rain... ([Isaiah 55](#))

### Hymn of the Week: [Come Ye Sinners](#) (Click to listen)

COME YE SINNERS Joseph Hart/Matthew Smith

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity, joined with power.  
He is able, He is able;  
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better,  
You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous;  
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requires  
Is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you,  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;  
Pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.

### Quote for the Week

"The renewed creation 'shall make a name for the Lord' (Isaiah 55:13). The renewed creation, enjoyed by a renewed humanity, ruled by the unchanging Christ—the whole point of this massive salvation is to display forever what kind of person God is. The curse will be reversed. C.S. Lewis's 'silent planet' will become Christ's singing planet. And never again will there be another human fall like Adam's. Our salvation will be 'an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off,' to the eternal glory of God."

- Ray Ortlund, Jr., [Isaiah: God Saves Sinners](#), pp. 373-374.

### Catechism Question for the Week

We may be moved and induced by the testimony of the Church to an high and reverent esteem of the Holy Scripture.<sup>[10]</sup> And the heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole (which is, to give all glory to God), the full discovery it makes of the only way of man's salvation, the many other incomparable excellencies, and the entire perfection thereof, are arguments whereby it does abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God: yet notwithstanding, our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.<sup>[11]</sup>

- Westminster Confession of Faith, chap. 1, point 5.

### Scripture Study for the Week

1. Why is this such a wonderful description of gospel grace? [Isaiah 55:1-2](#)
2. What did God promise David? How was it fulfilled in the work of the suffering servant? And from this text, what are the results that flow from his work [Isaiah 55:3-5](#)
3. Identify the ingredients of an authentic response to this one who is "endowed with splendor?" [Isaiah 55:6-7](#)
4. Isaiah 55:8-11 offers wonderful promises to those who have ever shared God's Word with another person. Reflect on [Isaiah 55:8-9](#). How should knowing this encourage you today? How does this help us when life doesn't make sense and when life hurts?
5. What are the particular confidences and encouragements that God has for you today from the extended metaphor contained in [Isaiah 55:10-11](#)?
6. What was the immediate relevance of this promise to the Jewish exiles? How is it fulfilled for us in Christ? [Isaiah 55:12-13](#) [Romans 8:21](#)

Two Scripture Songs for Reflection:

[The Trees of the Field](#) and [Go Out with Joy](#)

### Scripture Memory Verse for the Week

This is what the LORD says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go." - [Isaiah 48:17](#)