

The Promise of a Choice

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Introduction: My best childhood Christmas present

Text: Isaiah 55:1-8, v. 4 as the “key verse”

Main Idea: God calls us to make a three-fold choice. That choice is prompted by His gifts to us and His intentions via those gifts.

- I. The Choice to Come [v. 1-4]
 - A. The Paradox of our Coming - with what we have and don't have [v. 1]
 - B. The Problem of our Coming – hearing the voice, call and covenant [v. 2,3]
 - C. The Paradox of His Coming – how to see what is “there” [v. 4]
 - 1. Paradox of His presence – surely a witness should look more visible
 - 2. Paradox of His power – surely a Leader ought to look more regal
 - 3. Paradox of His possessions – surely He should have the signs of wealth...

- II. The Choice to Consider [v. 5,6]
 - A. His summons
 - B. His splendor
 - C. His salvation
 - Cf. (v. 6) “while he may be found” means ‘**while he permits himself to be found**’ (tolerative niphath)

Illustration: The advent of an earthly queen in contrast to the heavenly king!

- III. The Choice to Commit [v. 7-13]
 - A. By repenting from wrong ways...**Let the wicked forsake his way**...[v. 7]

B. Committing by reading of God's Word...

Illustration: "Long walk, part of gift..."

Conclusion: "O come, let us adore Him..."