

Third Sunday of Lent - March 20, 2022

## **Listen To God**

[Isaiah 55: 1-9](#)

<sup>8</sup> *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.*  
<sup>9</sup> *For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

As we approach this Lenten season, let us be kind to one another and praise God.

Isaiah the prophet called upon everyone who is thirsty to “come and drink” from the waters God provides. He thinks that the people were so occupied with their own thoughts they had no time to “incline your ear” and listen to what God has to say.

Everyone is invited to accept God’s offer. God is speaking to the people who are saying where has God been when we needed him? God is trying to tell the people what he would do to help them. He wants them to seek God.

They are consumed with their own way, not God’s way. Their wants and thoughts were wicked, and God’s ways are holy. They have been so distracted about the things in life that had happened to them. They had not thought about all of the wonderful things God can do for them and forgive them for things that they had done. They are trying to find a way of forgiveness, but they do not know how to speak with God. Listen to God.

We are all invited to accept what God has to say and believe. What if you are going through really hard times in your life and someone said to you to pray on it? Would you? Would you read the Bible and pray that God will hear you and help you? In Isaiah, he is offering to help those that are suffering but are resisting help from God. We want God to watch over us and give us strength to make decisions that he would approve of.

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Prophets did two things: they worked to get people to accept the worst as God’s judgment, and they worked to get people who were beaten down to open themselves up to hope in God’s future.

*Prayer: Lord, I thank you for placing your wonderful, protective peace in my life. Amen*

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