SO SEND I YOU, INC. 2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

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Topic: 2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Time: Feb 20, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Isaiah 55:1 Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

An invitation is extended to God's people who are in exile at the time of this prophetic writing. The Lord Almighty's invitation includes a welcome for those who are thirsty to come to the waters and drink. One of the powerful symbolic meanings of water in the Hebrew Bible is its power to sanctify. All of God's people are welcome to come to the One who has the power to set us apart to do and be all that God has assigned for us to do and be. We are uniquely and creatively designed to be distinct and different. We should embrace and embody this difference unapologetically. This difference includes our worldview, our treatment of others, and concern for those in underserved communities.

Likewise, those in exile and those of us now are invited to "come and buy wine." Ironically, the language of buying is spoken to those who have no money. One scholar insists that the word "buy" implies "to immerse oneself in." In its positive context, wine symbolizes God's free grace in the Hebrew Bible. Hence, we are invited to freely

immerse ourselves in God's divine grace by which the supernatural favor of God informs and influences every rea of our lives.

Finally, those in exile and those of us now are invited to "come and buy milk." In its essence, milk in the Hebrew Bible denotes "spiritual blessings." We are invited to freely immerse ourselves in the spiritual blessings that come from God. Blessings such as life, mercy, justice, potential, forgiveness, and agape. Praise God for the limitless possibilities that come through relationship with our creator, sustainer, and our redeemer.

Prayer:

Almighty God, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that the liquids of water, wine, and milk all direct us to you, who through your son Jesus Christ endows us with uniqueness, grace, and all spiritual blessings. In Jesus' Name. Amen.