



Why do you spend...for what does not satisfy?

Isaiah 55:1-3

1. Stop spending on what does not satisfy

The Christian life isn't fundamentally about giving things up; it's about discovering something infinitely better.

Haggai 1:6

"You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns wages to put into a bag with holes."

2. Start listening to the One who satisfies (vs. 2-3)

How

Listen: The ordinary activities of the Christian life.

Incline:

There is a difference between being satisfied by God's gifts and being satisfied in God Himself

Hear: (comes with promise) *"your soul will live"*, covenant different but same heart. Trust/Believe

Conclusion:

The voice you trust determines where you look for satisfaction, [SPLIT]

Where you look for satisfaction determines the condition of your soul.

Diagnostic Questions:

What did it promise?

How long did the satisfaction last?

What did it cost?

Did it leave you grateful—or just wanting more?

Did it make you love God more or yourself more?

Questions for Discussion:

1. **When you hear God's question, "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy?" where does it challenge you personally?** What are some things people commonly look to for satisfaction instead of God?
2. **What voices most influence your thinking about success, happiness, and fulfillment?** How can you become more intentional about listening to God's voice above the competing voices of our culture?
3. **Isaiah invites us to "listen carefully" to God so that our souls may "delight" and "live" (Isaiah 55:2-3).** What practical habits help you hear God's voice consistently, and what obstacles tend to distract you from Him?
4. **Looking back over your life, can you identify something you once believed would satisfy you but ultimately did not?** What did God teach you through that experience, and how has it deepened your understanding that true satisfaction is found in Him alone?