

Isaiah 55:6-13

RSVP

Word of the Day: RSVP or Respond: RSVP in French means to répondre s'il vous plait or in American: Please Reply

1. The RSVP will expire

Jeremiah 29:13, Luke 14:16-24, 2 Corinthians 6:2

- Hebrews 9:27 says we are appointed once to die then the judgement.
- While He is near" God has made Himself near to us because He came to seek and to save us. Luke 19:10
- Romans 3:11 says that no one seeks
- Romans 1:19 says that what is known about God is plain to see.
- Romans 10:13 says everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved.
- The invitation has been sent and God is inviting all through Jesus Christ to be saved but have you responded?

2. The RSVP comes with a requirement

Luke 9:23, Romans 6:23, Hebrews 3:13, Matthew 22:11-14, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Colossians 3:12-14

- Wickedness is described as anything that falls short of what God requires.
- Abandoning his way means that the person not only sins but plans on how to sin.
- To repent does not mean to just stop doing what is wrong it means to embrace what is right.
- Pardon or freely forgive shows how God takes care of every sin in our life.
- Isaiah 61:10 says God has clothed us in garments of salvation.

3. The RSVP is Too Good to Pass up

Romans 6:23, 2 Corinthians 2:15-16

- Heaven is not the Hall of Fame where only the top achievers make it.
- God offers complete cleansing of our sins and they are remembered no more. Romans 8:1
- Our message is simple that Christ came, lived a perfect life, died on the cross and rose again taking our punishment for our sin. (1 Corinthians 15:1-8)

4. The RSVP must be shared

Hebrews 4:12, Romans 10:17, 1 Corinthians 1:18

- The rain and snow change the physical realm and the word of God can change the spiritual realm.
- Will not return without effect: That effect can be positive or negative but it will make an impact.
- If we want to see people come to repentance and accept the RSVP than we need to share with them the word of God.
- Luke 8:4-15 is the parable of the sower and verse 11 Says that the word of God is like seed and our job is to just spread it.
- Psalm 19:7 says only the law of the Lord can revive the soul

5. The RSVP has many benefits

Romans 8:18-23, Revelation 21:4

- This is an end time promise that one day we will go with Joy and peace as God has provided us with everything, we longed for that this world could not fill. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)
- The trees will be clapping is figurative for the joy the earth will have when the curse of sin is done away with.
- The idea is a reverse of the curse that the Garden gave us. (Genesis 3:17-18)
- Nettle is a plant that has its root meaning in the word wail.

Closing Points

- Have you accepted the RSVP?
- Do you know others that need to? (Pray for 5)
- The RSVP will expire one day and you can come as you are but God will give you new clothes and ask you to get rid of your old ones.
- Have you accepted the RSVP? If not why not today?

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John 15:5



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Devotions:

1. Why is it important to seek the Lord while He is near?
2. What does verse 7 say the people need to do to accept the RSVP?
3. Why do we tend to think that God thinks and acts like we would?
4. How does knowing that His thoughts and ways are different than ours bring us hope?
5. How does the promise in verse 11 encourage you to share God's word with others?
6. What promises are found in verses 12-13 about what we receive by accepting the gift of Jesus Christ?
7. Who do you know that needs to know about this invitation from God?