

Let us open our Bibles to the 55th ch. of Isaiah. (Reading text . . .)

There is nowhere in the Bible a plainer expression, a clearer a stronger expression of God's free offer of salvation than in this 55th ch. of Isaiah. "Ho everyone that thirsteth come ye to the water, and he that hath no money come ye buy and eat, yea come buy wine and milk without money and without price.: What a wonderful expression of God's free offer of salvation this is here.

Campbell Morgan one time when he was a young man was holding an evangelistic meeting in the coal mining area in Wales. A miner came to talk with him after the sermon. He was turying to drive hom^{home} to the miner all he had to do was to turn from his sin, look to Jesus Christ for salvation, and Jesus would freely pardon him and receive him. And he said the man just could not grasp it. The man said, How can that be? How can it be that He could do all that without my doing anything, nothing? How could He do all that for me? It just isn't possible. I don't understand it. Morgan said he tried one thing after another to try to get the concept into his mind and finally the miner said, Oh, I see now. He said when I am down in the mine, I am half a mile down there in the interior of the earth working, and when it comes time to quit and I come to the shaft and there is a skip and I get into that skip and sit down, and I don't do a thing. I just go in there and sit down. That skip pulls me half a mile up out of the earth to the top and it does not cost me anything but it cost the mining company an awful lot to build that skip and put in the engine and pull it clear up."

This would be absolutely impossible, Isa. 55:1, if we did not have Isa. 53 first. God simply cannot pardon sin. He cannot say, It is all right. You spat in my face. You have broken my law.