

**"OVERFLOWING HEARTS!" – MARCH 24, 2019**

**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**ISAIAH 55:1-9; 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13; LUKE 13:1-9**

**Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.**

**Do you have what you are looking for out of life? In life? What is missing? What feels empty? We know we are blessed by God. It is more difficult to feel it. Where is God? Where are these blessings of God's grace? Where will we find more of what our hearts still long for? Today we are reminded our hearts overflow in God's goodness. Isaiah tells us 'if we are thirsty, come; if we have no money, come; God will overflow us, with pardon and mercy.' What more could we want? Paul tells us, 'God is faithful, when we are tested, God will overflow us with strength; God will provide.' Will it be enough? Jesus reminds us, God's grace is overflowing - abundant in repentance and forgiveness. Jesus may ask, 'Where is the overflowing fruit of all this mercy and grace?' Are you still looking for more out of life, your spiritual life? Hold fast, trust The One who keeps his heart on you; God's grace is overflowing!**

1. In a world that invites us to ask for and to get all we can, let us believe and live, trusting God's grace fills our hearts to overflowing!
  - A. In the midst of plenty of 'sin' and 'sins,' God's grace blesses us and keeps our hearts on his heart, overflowing with forgiveness. Isaiah 55:7; 1 Corinthians 10:5-12; Luke 13:2-5
  - B. God's grace blesses us, and keeps our hearts on his heart, overflowing with repentance. Isaiah 55:1-2; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Luke 13:3,5
    - i. Confession and forgiveness are gifts of grace.
    - ii. Repentance is God's grace turning our hearts around.
  - C. God's abundant grace blesses us and keeps our heart on his heart, calling us to bear fruit to overflowing. Isaiah 55:4; Luke 13:6-9
    - i. How is God's grace calling you to produce fruit?
    - ii. Trust God's grace is overflowing, abundantly working through you, to produce fruit again and again.

- D. God's abundant grace blesses us and keeps our hearts on his heart, overflowing with time, God's perfect timing. Isaiah 55:6-7; Luke 13:7-9
  - i. Lent is God's gift of time.
  - ii. God can do so much in so little time. Forever remember all God did years ago in just three days!
  
- E. God's abundant faithfulness, blesses us and keeps our hearts on his heart, overflowing with grace, grace upon grace. Isaiah 55:3,9; 1 Corinthians 10:4,13; Luke 13:8-9
  - i. If you are one who likes to look for more and more, look first to The One who keeps his heart on you, keeping your heart on his heart, first!
  - ii. God sends us Jesus, and Jesus' heart is overflowing!
  
- 2. God's grace keeps our hearts on his heart, overflowing with grace and hope; in the midst of sin, in the midst of day to day worry, in the midst of human emptiness, longings, and callings. It is only human we would want more. If you are wondering where all this grace is, if God's grace will ever be enough, keep your heart on The One who keeps his heart on you, and be filled to overflowing in Christ alone!