

You have turned against me, you have done everything wrong, and I just pardon you and it is over. He just cannot do that. His whole universe would be out of joint. Man receives salvation absolutely free but it costs God an awful lot. So we have in Isa. this 53 chapter in which we have the picture of how Jesus Christ was despised and rejected of men. How he gave his life to pay the penalty for our sins. All that God did in order that He might redeem man from destruction. It is when we have that, what God has done, when we have -- God has prepared this and paid the ransom, made it possible then it is possible that we can have this wonderful offer. "Ho everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the water. come buy and eat." Buy wine and milk without money and without price. What a wonderful free offer it is that God has given.

In the next v. we see the folly of those who reject. "Wherefore do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which satisfieth not. Hearken . . . let your soul delight itself in fatness." This certainly is a great text for the one who is lost. Why do you spend your money, why do you labor, why do you struggle to get that which does not give you anything permanent. It gives you a little bit of pleasure in this life. It gives you a little bit of satisfaction for the time being and then it's over with. Why do you spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy. It just has to be done over and over and over, and then you are not satisfied. Why don't you take that which lasts forever, that which is worthwhile that which changes your whole life? Why don't you? And we say how foolish they are. How foolish is the unbeliever to reject God's