

Revival and the Readiness of God (Isaiah 65:1-25) Part II

- Last Sunday we considered this rich passage under these key headings:

A1. The readiness/eagerness of God now (65:1)

B1. The pleading God offended (65:2–7)

C. Our realness with God (65:8–16)

- The harvest is coming: the true and the false will be separated
- Isaiah now turns his attention away from the here & now to the future

III. Our Realness with God (65:13–16)

- Vs 12 focus: life now, vs 13 connects our present with our eternal future
- ‘**Therefore**’ connects present with future. Three clear contrasts made
 - ‘behold my servant shall **eat**, but you shall go **hungry**’
 - ‘behold my servant shall **drink** but you shall be **thirsty**
 - ‘behold my servant shall **rejoice** but you shall be **ashamed**’
- God’s servants will inherit Heaven and His enemies will inherit Hell

IV. The Creating God Rejoicing (65:17-24)

- The former troubles/ distresses will be forgotten – but why? Vv17,18
- ‘*For behold, I*’: God doing something revolutionary: new heaven & earth
- “heaven & earth” used as metaphors – describing complete renovation
- The advent of Messiah will bring this complete renovation about
- Christ renews the world, turning back the curse as far as it is found
- Christ ushers in the new world to come (Heb 2:5) Peter’s hope (2 Pet 3:15)