

Isaiah 56 is an unusual passage in the Bible, written to two groups of outcasts. The first were foreigners. The others were Jewish males who had been mutilated by the Babylonian invaders. They were eunuchs. Sometimes we, too, feel like outcasts or suffer the loss of something the world has taken from us.

In Isaiah 56, the Lord invited foreigners and eunuchs to join themselves to Him, to serve Him, and to love His Name. (verse 6) He promised: "Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer." (verse 7)

In Christ, there are no castaways; in Heaven there are no outcasts. We are included in the grace of Christ. Rejoice, knowing that you are no longer an outcast. Your search for approval from others is over, because in Christ you already have all the approval you need.

Isaiah 56:3-4 "Do not let the son of the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord speak, saying: "The Lord has utterly separated me from His people"; nor let the eunuch say: "Here I am, a dry tree." For thus says the Lord."