

# Isaiah 65:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:

## Analysis

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'Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed.' Sharp contrast between servants and rebels: eating vs. hunger, drinking vs. thirst, rejoicing vs. shame. The Hebrew 'eved' (servant) marks the blessed group. Parallel structure emphasizes the contrast.

## Historical Context

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This division anticipates the eschatological separation of sheep and goats. Present choices determine eternal destinies.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. What distinguishes 'my servants' from those who forsake the LORD?
2. How do contrasting eternal destinies affect present choices?

## Interlinear Text

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כֹּה לֵךְ	אֲמַר רַן	אֲדַבֵּר י	יְהוָה ה	הִנֵּה ה	עֲבָד י
H3651	H3541	Therefore thus saith	the Lord	GOD	Behold my servants
	H559		H136	H3069	H5650
יֹאכֹל לֵ	וְאַתָּה מ	תִּרְעָבוּ בּו	הִנֵּה ה	עֲבָד י	
shall eat	H859	but ye shall be hungry	H2009	Behold my servants	
H398		H7456		H5650	
וְשָׁתּוּ	וְאַתָּה מ	תִּצְמָאוּ אֹ	הִנֵּה ה	עֲבָד י	
shall drink	H859	but ye shall be thirsty	H2009	Behold my servants	
H8354		H6770		H5650	
וְשִׂמְּחוּ	וְאַתָּה מ	תִּבְשְׁאוּ:			
shall rejoice	H859	but ye shall be ashamed			
H8055		H954			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Malachi 3:18** (References God): Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

**Isaiah 66:14** (References Lord): And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

**Isaiah 66:5** (References Lord): Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

**Isaiah 61:7** (Parallel theme): For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

**Isaiah 44:9** (Parallel theme): They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.

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