

Seek The Lord

Isaiah 55:6-11

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It Can Become Too Late to Seek the Lord

- ▶ **Death.** Hebrews 9:27; Luke 16:24, 26
- ▶ **Judgment.** Matthew 25:10-13
- ▶ **God gave them up.** Romans 1:24ff
- ▶ **Apostasy.** Hebrews 6:4-6; 1 Timothy 4:1
 - The Lord withdraws Himself from His people who reject Him. Hosea 5:6-7; 6:6; Jeremiah 11:14; 14:11-12; Isaiah 1:15

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While He May Be Found

(Isaiah 55:6-7)

- ▶ God is found by those who inquire after Him and desire to serve Him. Acts 17:27
- ▶ John 7:17, *"If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or (whether) I speak from myself."* John 8:43-44
- ▶ God will have mercy on us when we forsake sin and return to Him. Isaiah 55:7
 - Must be clean from the inside out. Matthew 23:25ff

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While He May Be Found

(Isaiah 55:6-7)

- ▶ **Seek God for holy reasons.**
 - Not for personal advancement, material, momentary reasons. John 6:26
 - Ananias and Sapphira. Acts 5:1-4, 7-8, 11
 - For salvation and relief. Matthew 11:28-30

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By Accepting His Thoughts and Ways

(Isaiah 55:8-9)

- Infinitely superior to ours.** Jeremiah 29:11-14; cf. Deuteronomy 30:1-10
- God's *versus* Man's - 1 Corinthians 1:18ff**
- ▶ Fiery Serpents. Numbers 21:6ff
 - ▶ City of Jericho. Joshua 6:1-5
 - ▶ Gideon and the Midianites. Judges 6-7
 - ▶ Naaman. 2 Kings 5
 - ▶ Blind man. John 9

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Application:

- If you were going to select a birth place, where would you have him born?
- If you were going to announce his birth, how would you announce it?
- If you were going to select a mother for the Lord, who would you have selected?

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By Accepting His Thoughts and Ways (*Isaiah 55:8-9*)

Application:

- If you were going to build a kingdom, how would you have built it?
- If you were going to select a memorial for the Lord, what would you have done?

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By Accepting His Thoughts and Ways (*Isaiah 55:8-9*)

- ▶ **Our thoughts must be captured to obey Christ.** 2 Corinthians 10:5-6

▶ How? James 4:7-10, "**Be subject therefore unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye doubleminded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall exalt you."**

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Through His Word (*Isaiah 55:10-11*)

- ▶ **It accomplishes God's purposes.**
John 8:31-32; 12:48-50; 17:17
- ▶ **Love of truth leads to salvation.**
2 Thessalonians 2:9-12
 - Condemned if do not have "*the love of the truth*"
 - Do I *really* love the truth? John 6:60-66

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Seek the Lord (Isaiah 55)

- Come to God and His Christ. (verses 1, 3-4)
- Call on the Lord and be saved. (verse 6)
- God's mercy not found in wickedness. (verse 7)
- God's mercy not found in our own thoughts and ways. (verses 8-9)
- God's mercy is found in His word. (verses 10-11)
- Joy, peace and security. (verses 12-13)

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