

A Call to Seek the Lord ~ Part 2 Yesha'yahu 55:7-13

In my last post, we began a journey to hear **A Call to Seek the Lord ~ Part 1** in **Yesha'yahu 55:1-6**. In this post, we conclude our journey to hear **A Call to Seek the Lord ~ Part 2** in **Yesha'yahu 55:6-13**.

In our previous post, we are told to **"seek Adonai while He is available, call on Him while He is still nearby."** In this post, we will explore **why**.

⁷Let the wicked person abandon his way and the evil person his thoughts; let him return to Adonai, and He will have mercy on him; let him return to our God, for He will freely forgive.

No matter how wicked you might be, **Adonai** says if you come to Him, He'll have mercy upon you and abundantly pardon. Having been confronted about his adultery with **Bat-sheva** and murder of **Uryiah**, David said, **"I have sinned against Adonai."** **Natan said to David, "Adonai also has taken away your sin. You will not die."** ~ 2 Samuel 12:13 (CJB). **Adonai** is so merciful. The moment we confess, we're forgiven.

⁸"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not my ways," says Adonai. ⁹"As high as the sky is above the earth are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Adonai's invitation in verse 7 was gracious, but there was an urgency to it. If we're honest, grace does not make sense to us because it does not reflect how people treat one another on earth. But **Adonai's** perspective is not our perspective. That's why we need a divine translator. We need the **Ruach HaKodesh** to enable us to have a heavenly perspective; we need **"the mind of the Messiah"** (1 Cor 2:16).

¹⁰For just as rain and snow fall from the sky and do not return there, but water the earth, causing it to bud and produce, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater; ¹¹so is My Word that goes out from my mouth - it will not return to Me unfulfilled, but it will accomplish what I intend, and cause to succeed what I sent it to do.

These verses offer rich encouragement regarding the power of **Adonai's** Word. Even children understand this illustration about how **Adonai** cause rain and snow to water the earth. But **Adonai** says his **Word** works the same way. It proceeds from his **mouth** and does **not return . . . unfulfilled. It will accomplish what He intends** (55:11).

We often make grand plans. We plot and scheme. Sometimes we succeed, but, often we fail. That's because they lack the power to guarantee their plans. Power is the ability to effect change or produce a desired result, and **Adonai's** Word alone has that kind of guaranteed power. The unstoppable power of **Adonai's** Word to accomplish all his purposes sets it apart in a class by itself. **Adonai's** Word is always purposeful, and His purposes are always achieved. The Bible can be trusted.

¹²Yes, you will go out with joy; you will be led forth in peace. As you come, the mountains and hills will burst out into song, and all the trees in the countryside will clap their hands. ¹³Cypresses will grow in place of thorns; myrtles will grow instead of briars. This will bring fame to Adonai as an eternal, imperishable sign. ~ Isaiah 55:1-13 (CJB)

The greatness of **Adonai's** salvation and grace will have tremendous effects on the earth in the millennial kingdom. These verses describe briefly the new earth **Adonai** has promised in His reversal of the curse of **Eden**. The **thorns** and **briars**, which began to plague the world after **Adam** and **Havah** (Eve) sinned (see Gen 3:17-18), will be replaced by plants of beauty and usefulness (55:13).

In my next post, we will begin to examine the issues of **Justice and Judgment ~ Part 1** in **Yesha'yahu 56**.