Seek The Lord

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INTRODUCTION

- The expression, while he may be found, implies that there may come a time when the Lord may not be found.
- Isaiah spoke to a people who had become rather indifferent toward God.
- We serve the same God. And we can fall into the same footsteps of error like people who even then claim to be serving God.

1 Seek the Lord Now: A Message of Urgency

Isaiah 55:1–7

- The plea from this prophet of God is seek the Lord now. While he may be found. You might say it's a message of urgency.
- Don't put off things that you know that the Lord wants you to be doing and that you ought to be doing.
- Some eight times in these first few verses of chapter 55 is that plea, don't wait till later. Now is the time.

2 Come to the Waters

Isaiah 55:1; John 4:13–14

- When he speaks about coming to the waters, he is indeed speaking about the very source of life itself, spiritually.
- In a spiritual way, it is as the Lord is inviting, come to the source of life.
- Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.

3 Seeking Things Money Cannot Buy

Isaiah 55:2–3; Matthew 6:19–20; Acts 13:34

- The prophet here really is speaking about seeking things that literal money cannot buy.
- There's no way you can buy the grace of God.
- Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys.
- The admonition, therefore, is get your value straight in life.

4 A Time When the Lord Cannot Be Found

Matthew 25:1–13; Matthew 24:37–44; 1 Thessalonians 5:2–3

- One of the sobering comments or sentences in this parable is the door was shut.
- Watch, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.
- Therefore, you also be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

- The day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

5 Seek the Lord: Not Something to Put Off

Acts 17:24–27

- Brethren, seek the Lord. It's not something for us to put off.
- He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. He who believes not shall be condemned.
- Why put off doing what we understand is God's will that we ought to do? Don't take God for granted.
- So that they should seek the Lord in the hope that they might grope for him and find him. Though he is not far from each of us.

6 God's Ways Are Higher; His Word Will Not Return Void

Isaiah 55:8–11; John 12:48

- My thoughts are not your thoughts. Nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
- Only through obeying the word of God are we going to find the Lord.
- So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth. It shall not return to me void.
- God's word won't return void. What that means is you will face it in judgment. It'll be the standard by which you are judged.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you seeking the Lord? Or are you waiting maybe till it'll be too late and the Lord will no longer be there?

MY NOTES