

2. One Way Out Isaiah 55:6-11

A. Many Choices – Only One Answer

1. **v6** it is never too late with the Lord – seek Him and call upon Him; we all need Him; it is our responsibility to seek and call upon; He has made everything available to us
 - a. often we do not seek or call upon the Lord when things are ‘going well’
 - b. it is never too late to be BA; the regret is usually ‘how much time I have wasted;’ if those thoughts come to torment you, make up for lost time – get involved
 - c. the Lord is not something you have to do; life makes no sense without Him; religion has poisoned many and their ideas about God are far from the truth; not ‘after I have sowed my oats;’ you may never get the chance
2. **v7** ‘his way’ ‘his thoughts’ encouraged by the world deceived by the devil; deadly
 - a. ‘wicked’ "wrongdoing" It is a legal term. The person who has sinned against the law is guilty; ungodly; the word also denotes the category of people who have done wrong, are still living in sin, and are intent on continuing with wrongdoing
 - b. **(Hebrews 11:25 S1)** ‘his way’ what he does; sin is enjoyed temporarily to draw you in; sin continued opens a door to unimaginable consequences
 - c. ‘the unrighteous man’ the absence of all that has true worth; hence, it would denote "moral worthlessness;” ‘vanity’ **‘his thoughts’**
 - Worthless thoughts that are focused on TV, computers, cell phones, movies, books; People’s thoughts can be radicalized with dangerous results
 - ‘vanity’ pride; money, looks, ability, power are a curse if you are consumed with you
 - d. ‘return’ (NKJV, KJV, Amp); ‘turn’ (NLT, NIV) unsaved need to turn to the Lord; ‘return’ could mean all of humanity must return to the original intent of a relationship with God before Adam sinned or it could mean those BA who walked away from the Lord
 - e. Look at God’s attitude toward the wicked and unrighteous - He is merciful and will abundantly pardon; God is love, He always wants to save the lost and have backsliders return to Him
3. There are all kinds of worldly, secular ideas and programs that are offered and possibly have some benefit. Ultimately they do not get a person to the place they need to be, nor can they

- a. The Holy Spirit through Isaiah teaches the only way a person's life is changed in the way God intended their life to be changed and that ultimately matters
4. **v8-9** the Lord tells us that His thoughts are higher than ours and His ways are different from our ways; our Creator is not shy to tell us His ways and thoughts are higher, better
 - a. v6 seek Him and call upon Him; v7 He is merciful and will pardon our sins & behavior
 - b. He is God, of course His thoughts and ways are higher; they do us no good if we have no way of knowing them
 - c. **(John 15:5 S2; John 1:1 S3)** The Lord is trying to get our attention; Could He be teaching that it doesn't matter what you have tried to change your life or if you want to get back on track with God, He has thoughts and ways that are not only higher than ours but that actually work and bring you to the desired outcome, as opposed to worldly thoughts and ways that bring you nowhere; Jesus is the Key
 - If you mean business with the Lord and want His help the Word will change you
 - Life worth living, rewarding, fulfilling, exciting is through Jesus Christ, the Word
 5. **v10** the Lord gives us an example of how His thoughts and ways work; two stories in one
 - a. food is a necessity in life and here is a way He makes it happen
 - b. The Lord waters the earth with rain and snow; what has been planted begins to grow; take the combination of water and sun and up comes life
 - There are seeds in what has grown to save and plant for more crops; and the food harvested is given to us by God to eat
 - c. The Lord's thoughts and ways take care of all of our needs; natural needs - food
 - d. Our spiritual needs as well – **(Ephesians 5:26)** water is a type of the Word; **Mark 4**, in the parable of the sower and the seed, soil or earth is a type of our spirit; the Word waters the earth and brings forth seed 'Word seeds' (to plant in our spirit and the spirit of others) and bread 'spiritual food' for a spiritual harvest for ourselves and others
 6. **v11** His Word is exactly the same; the Lord speaks His thoughts and they do exactly what He says they will do; **(Titus 1:2)** God cannot lie
 - a. His Word accomplishes what He says and prospers, they are His ways; no disclaimers
 - b. The Word of God will change your life forever, naturally and spiritually