

CONTROL

ISAIAH 55:6-13

6 Seek the Lord while He may be found; **Call upon Him** while He is near. **7** Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And **let him return to the Lord**, And **He will have compassion on him**, And to our God, For **He will abundantly pardon.**

1. **SEEK** = the LORD

A. RIGHT NOW = “**6** Seek the Lord while He may be found; **Call upon Him** while He is near.”

B. REPENT = “**7** Let the **wicked** forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts;” = **Wicked** = **Someone who Controls his life, not JESUS**

C. RETURN = “And let him return to the Lord, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.” = **Give JESUS Control of your life**

8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord. **9** “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts. **10** “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; **11** So will **My word** be which goes forth from My mouth; **It will not return to Me empty**, Without accomplishing what I desire, **And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.**

2. **SUCCEED** = Not us succeeding, But God’s Word succeeding

A. REGARD/RESPECT = For God’s thoughts & ways

B. RESULTS = What God desires

12 “For you will go out with joy And be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth into **shouts of joy** before you, And all the trees of the field will **clap their hands**. **13** “Instead of the thorn bush the cypress will come up, And instead of the nettle the myrtle will come up, And it will be a memorial to the Lord, For an everlasting sign which will not be cut off.”

3. **SERENDIPITY**

A. REJOICE = If JESUS is in Control of our lives, we will end up Rejoicing

B. REVELATION = Blessings instead of Barriers