

Isaiah 55:8

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The Great Invitation: Highway for Sinners

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I. WHAT IT MEANS TO SEEK THE LORD



A. Call on Him

- **Psalm 88:1-2** "O Lord, God of my salvation; I cry out day and night before you. "Let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry!" ESV
- **Jeremiah 33:3** "Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known." ESV



A. Call on Him

- **Psalm 18:6** "In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears." ESV
- **Psalm 34:6** "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles." ESV
- **Psalm 88:1** "O Lord, God of my salvation; I cry out day and night before you." ESV



B. To Seek the Lord means to turn to Him away from sin

Isaiah 55:7 "let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." ESV



B. To Seek the Lord means to turn to Him away from sin

- **1 Thessalonians 1:9** "For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God," ESV
- **2 Corinthians 3:16** "But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed." ESV
- **1 Timothy 1:6** "For some men, straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussion, " NASB95



C. To seek the Lord means to ask Him for guidance

Isaiah 31:1 "Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help And rely on horses, And trust in chariots because they are many And in horsemen because they are very strong, But they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the Lord! "



C. To seek the Lord means to ask Him for guidance

James 1:5-8 "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. "But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. "For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, "being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. "



D. To make an effort to transform our thinking

Romans 12:1-2 "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is." NLT



- **Zechariah 4:6** "Then he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts. " NASB95
- **Psalms 20:7** "Some boast in chariots and some in horses, But we will boast in the name of the Lord, our God. " NASB95
- **Jeremiah 9:24** "but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the Lord. " NASB95



II. Why Should We Seek God?

A. Because His ways are higher

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II. Why Should We Seek God?

B. To find mercy and grace and pardon

- **Romans 10:13 "for "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved." " NASB95**
- **1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. "**



II. Why Should We Seek God?

C. To find God while he may be found

2 Peter 3:8f



