

The Power of God & His Word — Isaiah 55:6-13

An Invitation: Isa. 55:6-9

- ⁶“Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷let 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.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Key Point: Recognizing the power of God & His Word means understanding our own _____ and _____!

A Picture of Power: Isa. 55:10-11

- ¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Key Point: Recognizing the power of God & His Word means understanding that God’s Word is sent forth with specific _____ in mind which He intends to _____.

A Promise of Fruitfulness: Isa. 55:12-13

- ¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Key Point: Recognizing the power of God & His Word means understanding that He gives fruitfulness and growth both for His _____ and our _____!

Concluding Thoughts and Questions for a New Year

1. God’s Word is not sown indiscriminately, but it is sown _____ in accordance with His mercy and grace.

Question #1:

2. While God’s Word alone has the power to produce _____ in us, our receptivity to it is integral to our growth.

Question #2:

3. The fruit of God’s work in us is born out over _____ and in _____.

Question #3: