

# Isaiah 55:4-13

## *The Abundant Pardon*

### 1. 55:4-5 - A Leader and Commander

- a. 4- "*him*" - This could apply to both David and his Son
  - i. Neither are yet on earth as leader or commander to the people (of Israel) - Mt 2:6
  - ii. David's covenant of mercy was a witness to what God will do for Israel.
  - iii. Messiah's new covenant of mercy to Israel Heb 2:17,4:16,8:12, 1Pet 1:3, Ro 9:23
- b. 5- "*nations run unto thee[Israel]*" - Rom 9:24
  - i. "*that thou knowest not*" = foreign nations, "*knew not thee*", but now know thee.
  - ii. "*for He hath glorified thee*" = At the time of Israel's rise in the kingdom come

### 2. 55:6-7 - The Pardon

- a. 6- "*seek ye the Lord*" - An appeal to lost Israel - Matt 7:7, Jer 29:11-14
  - i. "*call ye upon him*" - Joel 2:32, 3:18 ,there is a time to call - Isa 46:13, Deu 4:7
- b. 7- "*forsake*" - he will have mercy upon sinners - Matt 9:13, 23:23-25
  - i. Their thoughts and their actions (sin) must be forsaken - Eze 18:27-32, Mt 21:28
- c. "*return*" the teaching to wicked Israel - Luke 15:11+, we were Eph 2:12
- d. "*he will have mercy upon him*" - The sinners prayer - Lk 18:10-14, 1Jn 1:9-10, Hos 14:2
- e. "*abundantly pardon*" - a magnification of what he covenanted with one person: David
- f. Pardon = forgive = remission - See 1 John 2:12, Lev 4:26, Num 14:19, Ps 32:1
- g. Disp. difference: how and when - Col 1:14,2:13 vs. Heb 8:12; Mt 6:14 vs. Eph 4:32

### 3. 55:8-13 - Higher Thoughts

- a. 8-9 - Wrongly used to mean "God works in mysterious (unknown) ways"
- b. The thoughts of God can be known here, as can be the thoughts of men.
- c. Man neither would nor could - God is not a man - Num 23:19, Ps 89:35, Rom 11:29
- d. 9- "*as the heavens are higher... so are my ways*" - how high are the heavens?
- e. 10-11- Water = the word of God that was given from heaven - John 3:13, Eph 5:26
  - i. The rain cycle here has a purpose to create food and bread.
  - ii. "*my word*" is the kingdom come called seed and bread - Mt 4:4,13:19, Mk 4:14
  - iii. His word accomplishes what he pleases and returns to him - Ps 119:89
- f. 12- Hills sing and trees clap → take this figure of speech literally
  - i. The song here is detailed in 1 Chron 16:32-33, Ps 105 and Ps 96
- g. 13- The thorn and brier is the removal of the curse - Gen 3:18, Isa 41:19, Rev 22:3