“Seek Ye the Lord”
Isaiah 55:6-13

Introduction:
A. Seeking the Lord involves:
   1. Wanting His blessings.
   2. Trusting His word.
   3. Adopting His ways.
B. Seeking the Lord is profitable for 3 good reasons:

Discussion:
I. His Pardon Is Available. (vv. 6-7).
   A. Abundantly available—“Will abundantly pardon.” (cf. Rom. 3:23; 5:20; 1 Jno. 1:9).
   B. Conditionally available—“forsake ... return” (cf. Acts 2:38; 22:16; 8:22; 1 Jno. 1:7-9).
   C. Presently available—“While he may be found...near.”
      2. Our sensitivity is limited. (Heb. 3:12-15; 1 Tim. 4:2; cf. Gen. 19:14).

II. His Ways Are Superior. (vv. 8-9).
   A. We must make His thoughts our thoughts. (cf. 2 Cor. 10:5).
      2. Israel: “Give us a king...” (1 Sam. 8:6).
      3. Greeks: (1 Cor. 1:21-31).
   B. We must make His nature (ways) our way. (2 Pet. 1:2-4).

III. His Word Is Effective. (vs. 10-11; cf. Heb. 4:12).
   A. It always accomplished God's intended results.
      1. It may not be when we expect it.
      2. It may not be what we expect it.
   B. It never returns void — even with opposite results.
      1. Turns some on, others off (cf. Acts 17:32)
         b. Faults of Christians often just convenient whipping boy.
      2. Draws honest closer, drives dishonest further.
      4. Melts some—hardens others.
   C. It always gets results that pleases Him.
      1. Converts the honest hearts. (Jas. 1:21ff).
      2. Turns a way less than honest. (cf. Lk. 18:22; Jno. 6:60).

Conclusion:
A. Let us let God's word do its thing.
   1. Without forcing the results we want—Emotionalism, positivism, over-persuasion.
   2. Without murmuring against results we don't want — “Just ran them off...”
   3. Without undue credit or blame on the sower of the seed.
B. Let's respect God's thoughts and ways.
C. Let's find God's pardon — while we can! While have opportunity and interest.