Hide or Seek



Isaiah 55: 6-7

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.

Clear Theme in Scripture

 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice, And be gracious to me and answer me.
⁸ When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You,
"Your face, O LORD, I shall seek."
⁹ Do not hide Your face from me, Do not turn Your servant away in anger;

You have been my help;

Do not abandon me nor forsake me,

Psalm 27

Jeremiah 29

If I know the plans that I [h] have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will restore your ^[i]fortunes

Hebrews 11

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Isaiah 55: 6-7 Deeper Dive

- Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near.
- What does this imply to you?
- There is a time coming when you will try to seek Him and He will not be near and you may not find Him
- That is a scary thought, almost alien to us, because we are rooted in Fear Not, I am With You, I will never leave you or forsake you, yet, here it is

John 9

- ⁴We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; **night is coming when no one can work.**
- What does THIS imply to you?
- We take His presence mercy for granted. We worship and we enjoy His love, and we hear His voice as he calls us and woos us
- But we are busy and life is so stressful, and we say "Tomorrow or next week"
- He is saying NOW

WHAT IS KEEPING **YOU FROM SEEKING HIM** WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART?

Good News!, YOU Are

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- Iavishly blessed by God,

and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY