

God's salvation shalom is beyond our understanding, yet at the same time we are invited to witness and participate in all that God is doing to restore his world.

Shalom "peace" = _____

Structure

- * God speaks (1-5a)
 - * covenant faithfulness (5b)
- * **people respond (6-7)**
- * God speaks (8-13a)
 - * covenant faithfulness (13b)

verses 1-5 — _____ to God's people from God

God's _____ requires _____

verses 8-13 — _____ to God's people from God

God's _____ requires _____

verses 6-7 — _____ of God's people to God

my _____ requires _____

Astonishing Shalom

Isaiah 55:1-13 (NIV)



¹ "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ² Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. ³ Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. ⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. ^{5a} Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you,

^{5b} **because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."**

⁶ **Seek the LORD** while he may be found; **call** on him while he is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them **turn to the LORD**, and **he will have mercy** on them, and to our God, for **he will freely pardon**.

⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. ¹² You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. ^{13a} Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.

^{13b} **This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."**

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Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

According to today's Bible passage, what will be the response to God's word as it goes forth?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: Isaiah 55:1-13

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

T P R I C H E S T H P S
M C K W N F V K N O W A
A O O A I D E L I G H T
K M N T F A R E O N K I
E E P E O P L E S R B S
M L B R Y L A B O R D F
I M B S I N S T E A D Y
L I S T E N T H C O O N
K B H V O F I I O T R A
Y R A I D W N G S U S K
C E T H O U G H T S N E
H A N R L K Y E A R T H
N D G D R Y R R W A Y S

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David. See, I have made him a witness to the **peoples**, a ruler and commander of the **peoples**. Surely you will summon **nations** you **know** not, and **nations** you do not **know** will **come** running to you, because of the **LORD** your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.” Seek the **LORD** while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their **ways** and the unrighteous their **thoughts**. Let them turn to the **LORD**, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. “For my **thoughts** are not your **thoughts**, neither are your **ways** my **ways**,” declares the **LORD**. “As the heavens are **higher** than the **earth**, so are my **ways** **higher** than your **ways** and my **thoughts** than your **thoughts**. As the rain and the snow **come** down from **heaven**, and do not **return** to it without watering the **earth** and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and **bread** for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not **return** to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. **Instead** of the thornbush will **grow** the juniper, and **instead** of briars the myrtle will **grow**. This will be for the **LORD**'s renown, for an **everlasting** sign, that will endure forever.”