

God Will Abundantly Pardon (Uniqueness of God)

Isaiah 55:6-9; 30:15-22; 57:15

Thesis: The God of the Bible is unique and not like any other god. What sets Jehovah apart from the false gods? In this lesson we will look at the beauty of an infinitely high and holy God stooping to forgive and receive sinners like us.

Introduction:

1. God is holy and omnipotent:
2. There is no god who is this powerful, this holy, and at the same time this loving who is willing to serve us in the sense of saving mankind and dwelling with us.

I. Seek the Lord

A. Background of text

1. Isaiah 55; Rev. 21:2; 17)
2. Isaiah 55 also contains the similar invitation to participate in the blessings of the renewed Zion
3. Isaiah 55:1-5 - God invites Israel to quit pursuing things that do not satisfy the soul (**Lev. 11:44**; Her 12:14; 1 Pet. 15:16)

B. Seek the Lord (Isaiah 55:6-9)

1. God wants us to seek Him, depend on Him, wait on Him (**vs. 6; Luke 14:16-24 -Prov. 1:20-33; 2 Cor. 6:2; Is 49:8; Psalm 103:9**)
2. The essence of wickedness is to fail to seek the Lord, and to look elsewhere for what only God can provide (**6-7**)

II. High and Exalted One (Isaiah 57:15)

A. God is high and exalted, He is holy, set apart from humanity in every way

B. John 4:14

III. God will not reward us for our self-help (Isaiah 30:15-18)

A. Waiting on the Lord

B. But God's people were not willing (15b-16)

C. But God wants to show His mercy on those who wait on Him, who rely on Him (vs. 18)

D. God works for those who will receive His help and allow Him get all the glory.

IV. The result? (Isaiah 30:19-22)

- A. At the very sound of our cry f.
- B. When we cry out for help it will be because we are ready to give our idols up
- C. Phil. 3:8, and a menstrual cloth Ezekiel 7:19-20

Application:

- 1. God is unique in that He stoops down to dwell with His creation to work for us in the way of salvation.
- 2. God waits for us to repent and turn to Him.
- 3. As long as we are self-reliant God will allow us to destroy our selves (Romans 1:26, 2:5)
- 4. As soon as we are ready to cry to the Lord for Help He will respond.

Conclusion:

- 1. Matthew 5:3, 5 - Poor and Gentle
- 2. Plan of salvation

Questions for Reflection:

- 1. Read Isaiah 55:6–9. Explain the “for” at the beginning of verse 8. How does what comes before explain the uniqueness of God in verses 8 and 9?
- 2. Looking now at Isaiah 57:15, how can God be high and holy, and yet mingle with the lowly? Explain how does God’s highness relates to his lowness.
- 3. There are two kinds of people described in Isaiah 30:15–18. Who are they and what separates them? How does God treat the two groups differently?