

## “Just Thinking of You” Isaiah 55:1-13

**Context:** Attention is now given to an invitation to redemption. The invitation occurs as a climax to the release of Israel from 70 years of Babylonian captivity and discloses the effect of the Messiah’s substitutionary atonement on the Remnant’s behalf (Isaiah 52:13-54:17). Although the blessings of the Millennial age that follow Messiah’s atonement are revealed, they are not the ultimate climax of the book. Yet to be disclosed are chapters that make known the glory of the Remnant’s redemption and depict the participation in eternal peace of all who choose His efficacious invitation to redemption. **Life Principle:** As you act, so you think and as you think, so you are (See Isaiah 55:7; Philippians 4:8-9).

### 1. The price of just thinking – Isaiah 55:1-5

An invitation to salvation begins with a call to attention. The soul that seeks fulfillment is called to forsake the expending of its strength to gain satisfaction through what it is accustomed to in the world. In contrast, that soul is called to repent by (1) turning his or her ear to God, (2) beginning to walk the path toward Him, and (3) hearing His directions. God pledges to give eternal contentment according to His loyal love by and through Jesus Christ to anyone who walks this path of repentance.

### 2. The way of just thinking – Isaiah 55:6-7

God offers great pardon to the soul that is sorrowed and troubled by thoughts and actions consumed by worldly wickedness. His mercy and forgiveness are granted to those who search for Him, call on Him for help, abandon sin, and turn to Him for direction in life.

### 3. The results of just thinking – Isaiah 55:8-13

God’s thoughts and ways are contrasted with ours. Our inability to comprehend the extent of the universe serves as an example of our inability to comprehend an infinite God’s reasoning or purpose. Although incomprehensible, God provides access to some of His thoughts and His purpose through His Word. In place of the fall’s curse, all who are saturated with God’s word will be led in an everlasting life of fulfillment and happiness. Ultimately, God’s fulfillment is to His credit and glory alone.

### Study questions:

- The symbol to quench the soul’s thirst with the water of salvation used in Isaiah 55 is a common theme throughout Scripture. What similarities are found regarding the place where the people are called in Isaiah 55 and Luke 14:15ff? Who gives the living water and to whom is it given in Revelation 7:16; 21:6; and 22:17? Who is identified as the living water that quenches thirst in John 7:37-39? How is this “living water” of salvation associated with God’s promise to David cited in Isaiah 55:3 (cf. Acts 13:34ff; 2 Samuel 7:12-16; John 16:7ff)?
- Isaiah 55:6 appeals to the reader to seek God while He is willing to reveal Himself. As a **Bible study method**, look up instances where seekers sought out and called on Jesus while He was near (i.e. Mark 10:46-52; Luke 17:12-19). How would the words “seek, call, return, and pardon” of Isaiah be significant in these examples? How are they significant to you?
- Isaiah uses a word translated as “pardon” that is only used as a great act of God in the Old Testament. The word’s ancient root connotes “to sprinkle for medicinal purposes.” Our doctrinal statement describes the sprinkling of Jesus’ blood through which God’s pardon comes to the repentant (see footnotes 5-12 ‘**On Salvation**’ in our **doctrinal statement** under **what we believe** at [www.gracepointfellowship.org](http://www.gracepointfellowship.org)). What is God’s part in pardon and what is our part?

### Transformation exercise:

Meditate on Isaiah 55:7. Isaiah calls for an abandoning of unrighteous thinking and acting. Read Isaiah 3:9-23 and 5:7-23 to see what that looks like. Each morning, replace your wrong thinking and action with Philippians 4:8 and Colossians 3:17.