



- Scripture Reading: Psalm 46
- Board: Proverbs 8:35-36 (ESV) 35 For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the LORD, 36 but he who fails to find me injures himself; all who hate me love death.”

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- Psalms 32:6 Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- David is helping us to understand another reason why being forgiven by our God is such a blessing.
 - He's reminded us of how devastating sin is.
 - He's reminded us of how important it is to acknowledge our sin.
 - Now he's reminding us that we need to seek out our Father

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- Why do we struggle with returning to God after we have sinned?
 - Why don't we seek him?
 - Why don't we pray?
 - And when is it that God CAN'T be found?
- Perhaps some of the reasons are made clear in Isaiah 59

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between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden his face from you
so that he does not hear.**

Isaiah 59:2

- Isaiah 59:2 but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.
- One of our favorite “go-to” verses concerning the effects of sin on our relationship with God
- Of course, there’s more depth when we consider the context ...
 - 59:1-21
- Note in particular, that Isaiah’s prophecy (!) points to the coming of a Redeemer (20-21)
- Note now, where he starts ... (remember this is God’s chosen people)

**Behold, Jehovah's hand is not shortened,
that it cannot save,
or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;**

Isaiah 59:1

- 1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;
- The problem is NOT God.
 - He can save.
 - He can hear.

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- Strangely, this points to one of the very reasons many don't seek God.
 - Some don't seek God because they don't see the point.
 - They have misunderstood who God is (many possible reasons, satan, false teachers, etc.)
 - So they decide that God cannot (or will not) hear our prayers or save us.
- However, the problem is not God, but man. (me)

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- Man choses to sin, which separates us from God.
 - Is this why God cannot be found?
 - He can hear, he can save
 - But we have sinned.

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- Sadly, many read this in a way that makes them think that our God is essentially petty and petulant.
 - Or that he is a tyrant, vindictive that he is not obeyed in even the smallest matters.
 - If that is true, why would I seek him when I can only expect punishment?

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- Again, this is just not what is being taught here
 - If it were true, why would he be sending a redeemer?
 - It's not that God has turned his back on us.
 - But the darkness of our own sins have blotted out our view of him
 - God didn't make the separation, and God didn't hide his face.
 - Even this explains why many fail to seek out God.
 - They just can't see Him.
 - The darkness of sin has swallowed up His light.

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- Verses 3 - 8 provide a catalog of the sins: most is about their injustice towards fellow man
 - Verse 8 provides a harsh summary:
 - They don't know the way of peace.
 - They don't do justice
 - Everything they do is crooked
 - No wonder they are separated from God and cannot see him.
- Verse 9:

**we hope for light, and behold, darkness,
and for brightness, but we walk in gloom.**

Isaiah 59:9

- Isaiah 59:9 Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not overtake us; we hope for light, and behold, darkness, and for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

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Isaiah 59:9

**we hope for justice, but there is none;
for salvation, but it is far from us.**

Isaiah 59:11

- Isaiah 59:11 We all growl like bears; we moan and moan like doves; we hope for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us.

Jehovah saw it, and it displeased him

...

then his own arm brought him salvation

Isaiah 59:15-16

- Isaiah 59:15-16 (ESV) The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. 16 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him.
- With man's sin being so bad — no man can help or intercede:
 - There's no man who can save us

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- And this points to another reason some don't seek God.
 - We think that we can do it for ourselves.
 - Despite thousands of years of history that would argue the opposite.
 - I think that I can do it for myself.
 - I don't need any others, just myself.
- Since God loves us ... he brings salvation
 - And this is so different a picture than the God who some claim turns his back on his creation
 - Because he doesn't.

for he will come like a rushing stream

Isaiah 59:19

- Isaiah 59:17-19 (ESV) 17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.
 - 18 According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment.
 - 19 So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the LORD drives.

And a Redeemer will come to Zion

Isaiah 59:20

- Isaiah 59:20 (ESV) 20 “And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the LORD.
- Looking forward to Jesus!
 - Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
- The reason that God can be found is that — HE CAME LOOKING FOR US.
 - He can hear
 - He can save
 - And that’s exactly what he does.
- We see this expression in another passage ... Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek Jehovah while he may be found
Isaiah 55:6



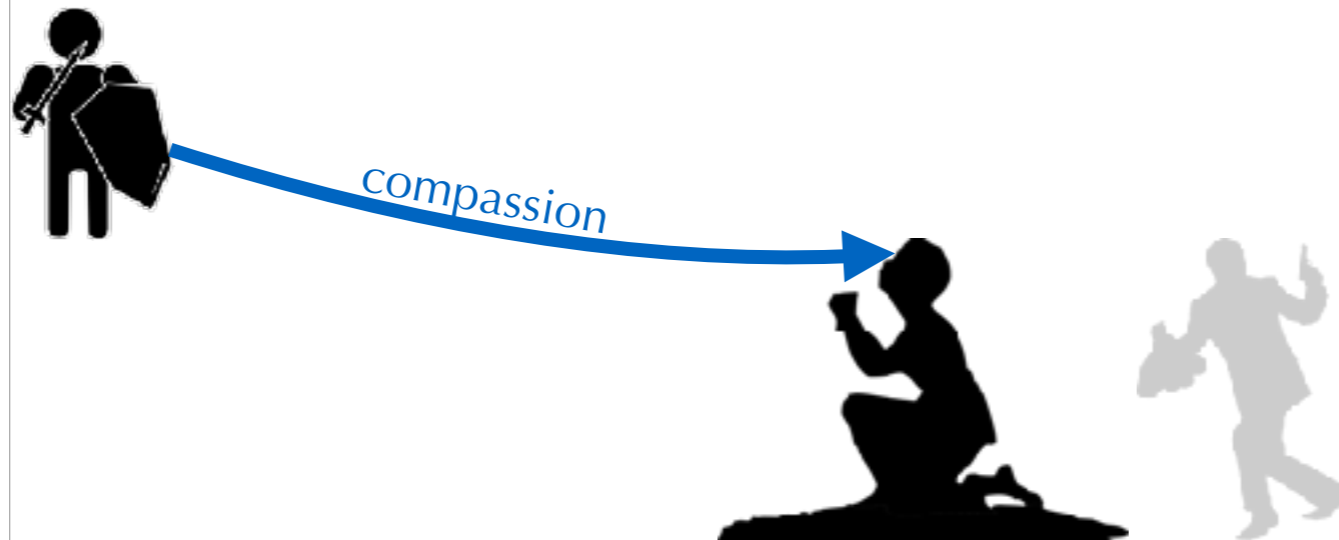
- Isaiah 55:6-9 (ESV)
 - 6 “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

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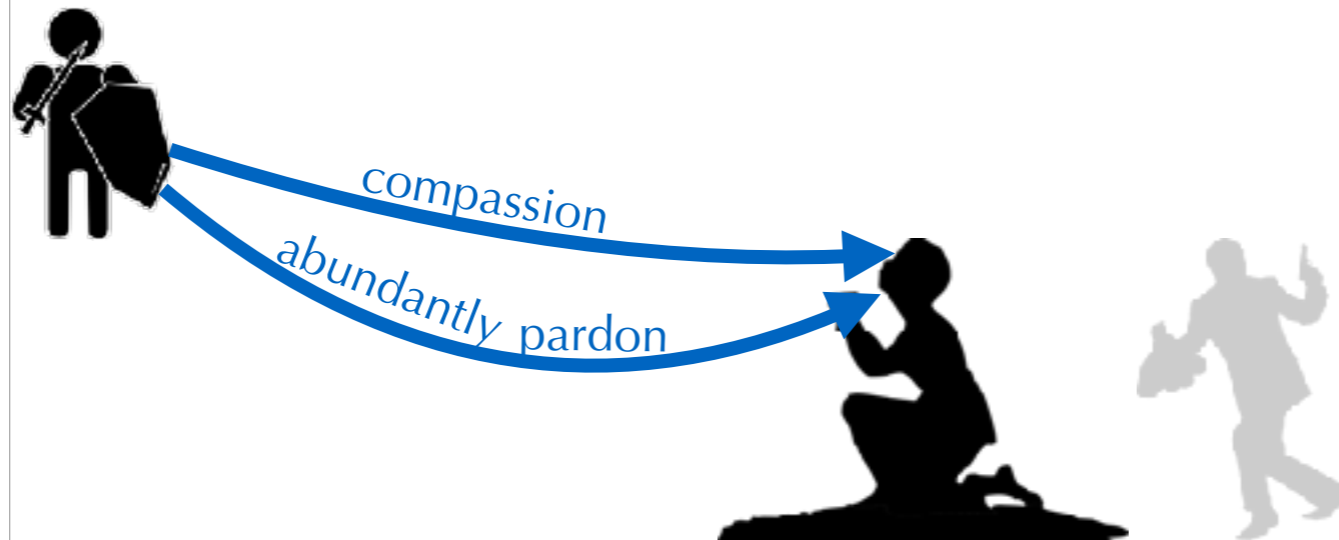
- 7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
- let him return to the LORD, (and to our God,)

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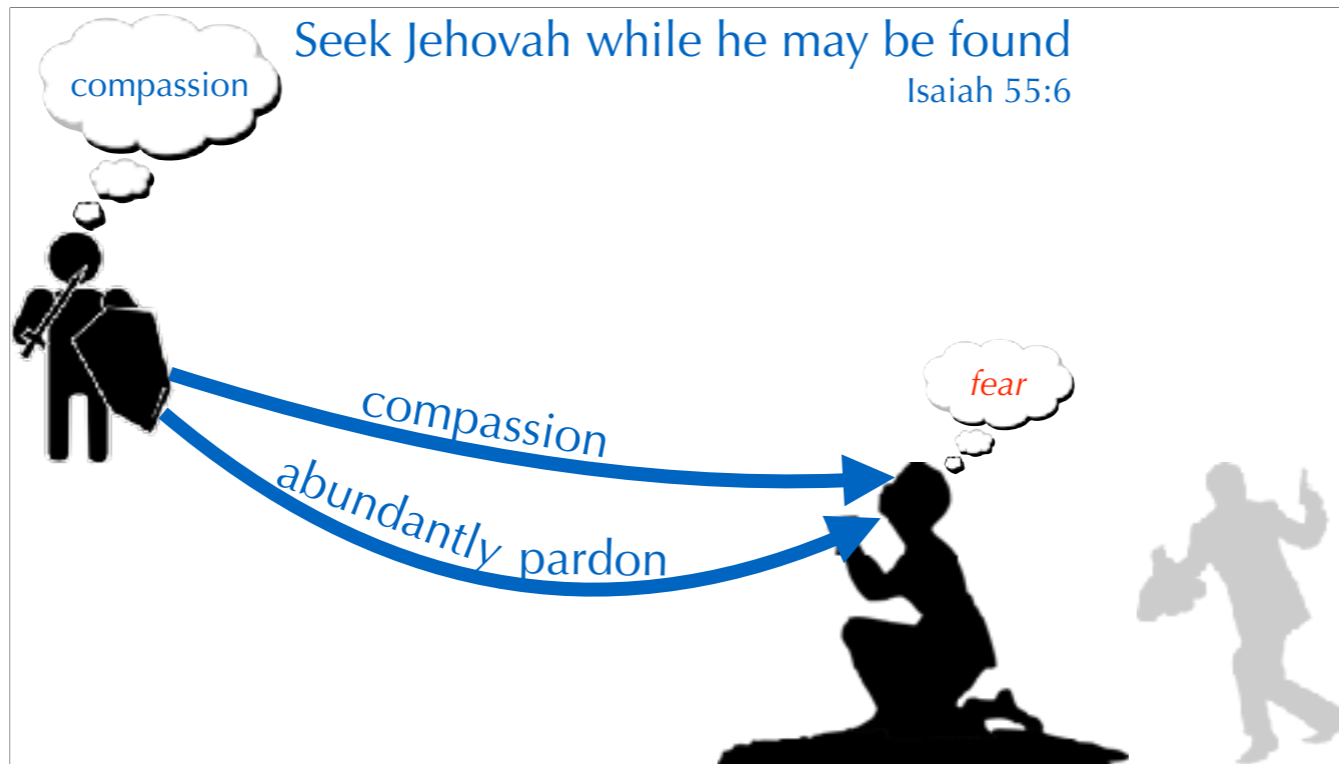


- that he may have compassion on him,

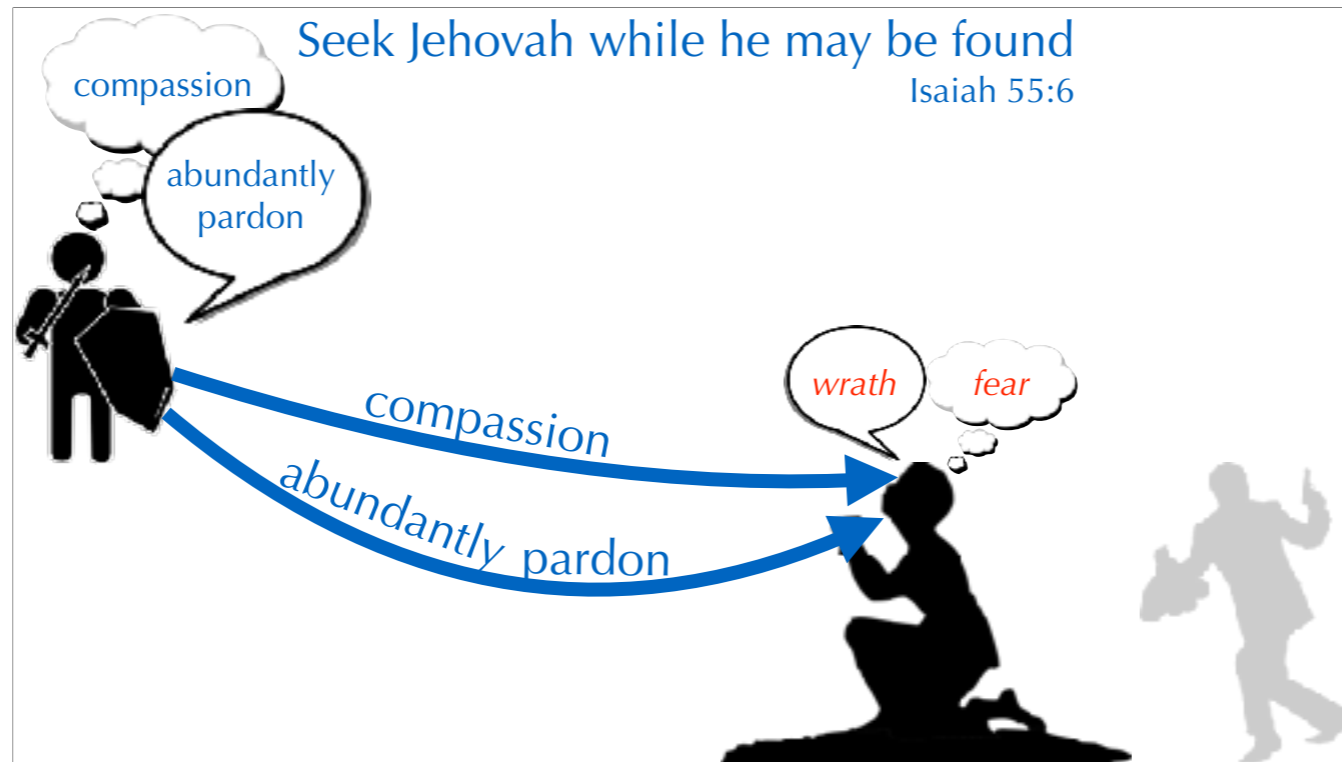
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- for he will abundantly pardon.



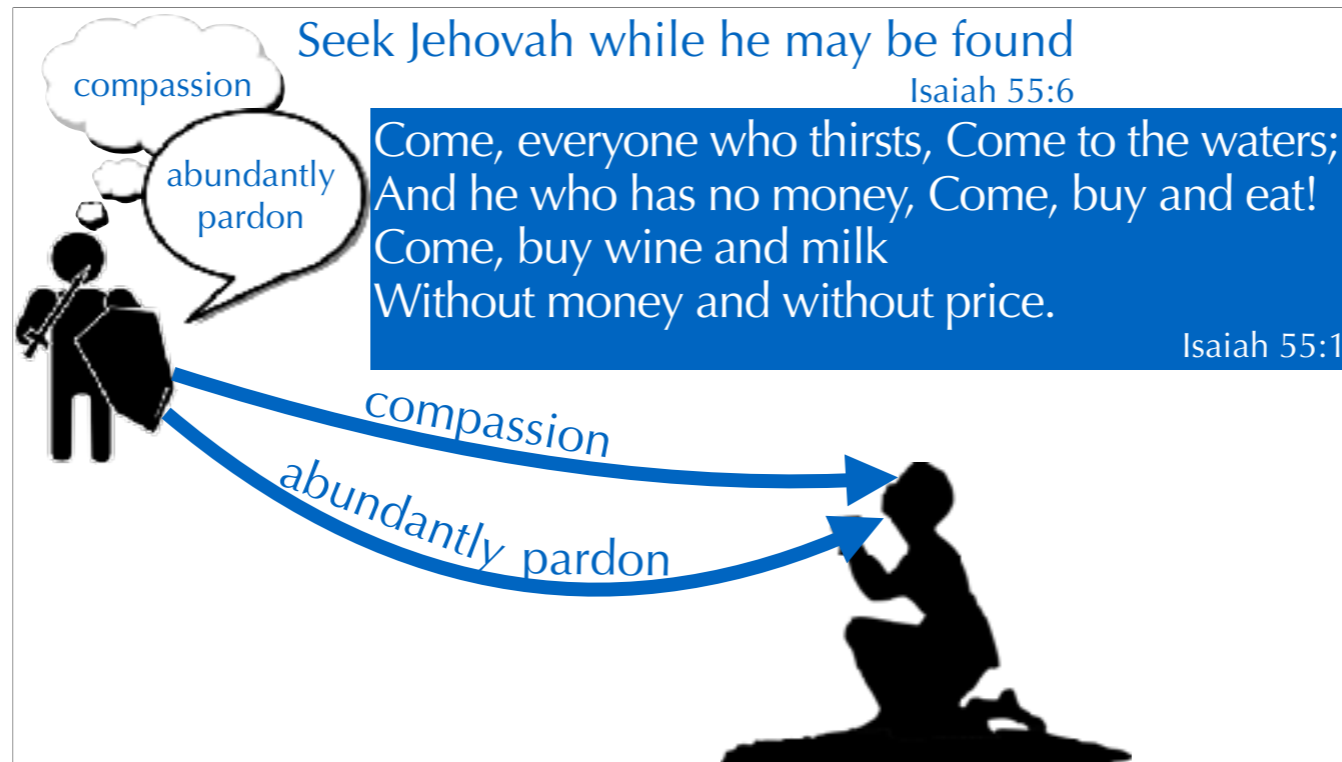
- 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,



- neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
- 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 - so are my ways higher than your ways and
 - my thoughts than your thoughts.
- We've tended to apply this verse very generally about God's thoughts and ways (which is true)
- But there's a specific thought in this passage that's vital for us to know.
- Our Father wants us to seek him, he can be found, and he wants to forgive you.



- Isaiah 55:1-3 (ESV) 1 “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
- Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
- 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.



- Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; Psalms 32:6
- Yes you've sinned.
 - And sin changes things.
 - But God can be found ... he offers salvation.
- Come to Jesus, your redeemer
 - He came to seek you, to deal with sin, your sin ...
 - He has compassion for you.
 - He wants to forgive you completely
 - Be reconciled to him.

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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The God Who Can Be Found

Psalm 32:6

Synopsis: In this lesson, we explore the importance of understanding that in spite of our sin, our God comes to us to save us and forgive us.

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