

**Outline #11** The Immeasurable, unfailing love of God

Seek the LORD – Isaiah 55:6-7

**1. The LORD's generous provision**

- a) Isaiah 55:1-3 What generous offer does the LORD make to those who are thirsty and hungry?
- b) Is the LORD's offer limited to physical food and drink? Support your answer from the text. (see also Isaiah 55:6-7)
- c) What are some ways people try to satisfy their spiritual thirst and spiritual hunger apart from God?
- d) What teaching of Jesus about hunger and thirst reinforces the message of the LORD through prophet Isaiah? Matthew 5:6, John 7:37-38
- e) How does the apostle Paul emphasize that salvation is a free gift, rather than something to be purchased with money? Ephesians 2:8-9
- f) In the history of the Christian church, some have tried to sell salvation. Why would people fall for such a deception?
- g) When did you come to realize that salvation was a gift from a generous and loving God?

**2. The LORD's ways**

- a) Isaiah 55:8-9 What important truth is the LORD sharing here through the prophet Isaiah?
- b) How should this truth affect the way we approach the LORD? Psalm 95:1-6, Ecclesiastes 5:1-2, etc.
- c) Share a time when it became clear to you that God's plan for you was better than your own plan.

**3. Fasting that pleases the LORD**

- a) Isaiah 58:1-5 What fault did the LORD find with the fasting practices of His people in the time of Isaiah the prophet?
- b) What additional problem related to fasting was observed by Jesus during His earthly ministry? Matthew 6:16-18
- c) What fasting is pleasing to the LORD? Isaiah 58:6-7 How are the activities described here related to fasting? (see also Matthew 25:40, James 1:27)
- d) What happens when we listen attentively to the LORD and align our wills with His divine purpose? Isaiah 58:8-12
- e) Jesus said to His followers, "When you fast..." When is fasting appropriate for the Christian? (see also Matthew 9:14-15)

**4. Honoring the holy day of the LORD**

- a) Isaiah 58:13-14
- b) How does an appreciation for the gift of the Sabbath lead us to delight ourselves in the LORD?
- c) When did you discover the gift of the Sabbath as a revelation of the immeasurable, unfailing love of God rather than a religious obligation?

