

Sermon Series: Let's Talk To God

1/26/25 "You Can Count On This," Isaiah 55:8-11, MEV

INTRODUCTION

MAIN IDEA: Study God's word. Why? Here are three reasons.

I. First, because we are not God (8-9)

A. we deceive ourselves if we think our thoughts are His

1. in opinion... *He's on my side*

EX: Joshua 5:13-14, MEV: 13 "Are you for us or for our enemies?" **14** "Neither, for I am the commander of the army of the Lord.

2. in decision... *I have prayerfully made this decision*

EX: Prov. 16:9, MEV: The heart of man devises his way, but the LORD directs his steps.

B. we deceive ourselves if we think our ways are His

1. what we choose to do... *because of grace, I can...*

2. what we choose not to do... *won't forgive until they admit wrong*

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II. Second, His word is His word (11a)

Word: *word of God*, as a divine communication in the form of commandments, prophecy, and words of help to his people (*BDB*)

A. coming from His person, His character, His holiness

B. having His power in it to...

2Timothy 3:16, MEV: All Scripture is inspired by God [literally, God-breathed]

Heal (Ps. 107:20)

make free (John 8:32)

illuminate (Ps. 119:130)

bear witness (John 20:31)

produce faith (Rom. 10:17)

make wise (2Tim. 3:15-17)

exhort (2Tim. 4:2)

give joy (Jer. 15:16)

create (Heb. 11:3)

regenerate (James 1:18)

C. not created by people nor corrupted by people

D. unchanging

Isaiah 40:8, MEV: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God shall stand forever.

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III. Third, His word always bears fruit (10, 11b-d)

Void: ineffectual, in vain, empty, without effect

A. He doesn't get frustrated or wonder what it's doing

B. it always fulfills His purpose

NOTE: Can give faith & life or harden & bring judgment

1Thess. 2:13, MEV: For this reason we thank God without ceasing because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you received it not as the word of men, but as it truly is, the word of God, which effectively works also in you who believe.

Romans 9:18, MEV: Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and He hardens whom He wills.

1. accomplishes His desire (11c)

Accomplish: performing a duty with a distinct purpose

2. prospers in the way He intended (11d)

Prosper: be powerful, succeed (*Strong's* with *Vine's*)

EX: Isaiah 45:23, MEV: I have sworn by Myself, the word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness and shall not return, that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath. [see also Philippians 2:10-11]

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CONCLUSION:

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