

# Our Conditional Love of Jesus

## Part 1

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### God's Ways Declared in Isaiah

*Isa 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have love, pity, and mercy for him, and to our God, for He will multiply to him His abundant pardon.*

*Isa 55:8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord.*

*Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts (higher) than your thoughts. (AMP)*

Let us rejoice in the facts. The facts are that we do not think as God thinks and I'm glad of it. I would not want my God to have to come down to the level of my thinking. His Holy Spirit is able to reach us on our level and help us mightily, but the ways and thoughts of God are not in, nor of our earthly, temporal thoughts and circumstances and conditions. As Isa 55:7 says, we must forsake our ways and thoughts and return to the Lord and His ways so that God can have love, pity and mercy for us as well as His abundant pardon.

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The logic I want you to look at, here, goes like this: We are wicked and unrighteous BUT if we come to the Lord, He will impart His love, pity and mercy on us, as well as His abundant pardon. The reason we need to come down a peg or two is because we have inflated ourselves, our worth, if you will, and have reasoned that we are fine just as we are. This is not true. We are not of much value on our own BUT if we will humble ourselves and ask Jesus Christ, God's Son, to permeate our whole lives, we are then subject to God's ways and God's thoughts. We come into God's higher realm.

### Bread to the Eater

*Isa 55:10 For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, [II Cor. 9:10.]*

*Isa 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. [AMP]*

Further reading of Isaiah reveals this wonderful bit of news. As rain comes down and waters the earth, causing plants to grow and seed and, indirectly, give us bread to eat, so does God's word come forth, not returning void. Instead it will accomplish that which it was sent forth to do. Yay! Amen! God's word HAS gone forth and it will accomplish what it went forth to accomplish!

### Jesus, the Bread of Life

(This Bread sticks with us! Forever)

*Joh 1:1 IN THE beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself. [Isa. 9:6.]*

*Joh 1:2 He was present originally with God.*

*Joh 1:3 All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being.*

*Joh 1:4 In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men.*

*Joh 1:5 And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it]. (AMP)*

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God's Word (that was talked about in Isaiah in which it was mentioned that His word does not go out void but WILL accomplish what it was sent out to do) is Jesus Christ. In Him is the Life and Light of men. His Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has NEVER overpowered it.

*Joh 6:33 For the Bread of God is He Who comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world.*

*Joh 6:34 Then they said to Him, Lord, give us this bread always (all the time)!*

*Joh 6:35 Jesus replied, I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to Me will never be hungry, and he who believes in and cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me will never thirst any more (at any time).*

*Joh 6:36 But [as] I told you, although you have seen Me, still you do not believe and trust and have faith.*

*Joh 6:37 All whom My Father gives (entrusts) to Me will come to Me; and the one who comes to Me I will most certainly not cast out [I will never, no never, reject one of them who comes to Me].*

*Joh 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will and purpose but to do the will and purpose of Him Who sent Me.*

*Joh 6:39 And this is the will of Him Who sent Me, that I should not lose any of all that He has given Me, but that I should give new life and raise [them all] up at the last day.*

*Joh 6:40 For this is My Father's will and His purpose, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in and cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up [from the dead] at the last day.*

Jesus is the Bread and Water of Life that we must accept in order to never be hungry or thirsty again. Of course this doesn't mean we will never have to eat or drink water again because what God is speaking of here is that when we take Jesus into our hearts and let Him be our Lord and Savior, we will not have the deep hunger and thirst that comes to those who wander the earth aimlessly. The lost are not sure who to follow and are not satisfied spiritually by any of the gods they bow down to. When we humble ourselves and make Jesus our Lord, there is a sense of fulfillment and a deep satisfaction that cannot come from anything of this world. In fact, all the world does is say,

"Try this" (failure), then "Try this" (failure), well, "Try this" (and more failure).

When will we learn? God is all we want. God is all we need. The world did not satisfy us in the past, it cannot satisfy us now, and it will not satisfy us in the future. Jesus said that although we have seen Him, we would not recognize that it is Him we need. That sure is true, isn't it? Of course, we didn't live during the time period that Jesus was here physically, roaming among the hills of Jerusalem. We don't see Him today...but we hear of Him through the Gospels and we hear of how wonderfully He affects people's lives today. We should ask, if we don't currently have Him as our Savior, can He affect my life in this good way? Does He still relieve burdens, even today? Can He relieve my burdens?

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For those of us who have accepted Jesus as our Savior, is it possible we are not loving Him as we should? Jesus gave us a condition of our love for Him. He said, "If you love me, you will keep My commands." Doesn't that make it a rather high priority that we should follow His commands? Shouldn't following His commands be number one on our "To Do" list?



*If you sense that you are unsatisfied in your life and that you are not fully committed and submitted to the Christ who loves and cares for your soul, please pray this prayer: "Lord, I confess unto You that I have not obeyed the conditions which You have established in Your word for those who claim to love You. I have failed to obey your command to Love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength and my neighbor as myself. I have failed to recognize that Your ways are higher than my ways and Your thoughts are higher than my thoughts. I have failed to trust You as an ever present help in my life. I have failed to follow Your teachings and example. Forgive me for these failures, Lord and I ask You to make my heart pure and my spirit willing, that I might overcome the strong will of my flesh. My hope and my trust is in You, Jesus. Amen."*



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Thank you, and God bless you.  
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