

## SERMON: WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND

### SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 55: 6,7

**Introduction:** The attitude of many seems to be that they can call on God whenever they so desire. Now, while indeed, the Lord is long-suffering toward us it is well to remember that there are some circumstances that make finding God possible. Indeed, others can make it impossible to reach God.

#### 1. WHEN HE MAY BE FOUND?

- a. The individual may come to Christ only when he is drawn by the Father. (John 6:44)
- b. Isaiah states in our Bible lesson that we should call upon Him while He is near. The blind, the leprous and the sick sought Jesus as He passed by.
- c. Christ may be found when the sinner is willing to forsake his wicked ways and his unrighteousness thoughts.
- d. The sinner may come to God only through Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12)

#### 2. TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION

- a. Of course it is impossible for the sinner to accept Jesus yesterday or tomorrow. As a writer of Hebrew put it. "Today if you will hear His voice. (Hebrews 3:7) And again he said. "While it is called today. " (Hebrews 3:13)
- b. It is very difficult for one to accept Christ when his mind and body are being tormented by pain.
- c. It is difficult to accept salvation, when oppression or depression overcomes the individual. So we should accept Christ while there is ample opportunity.

#### 3. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCEPT CHRIST

- a. When one is in a state of unconsciousness..
- b. When one has blasphemed against the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:31,32)
- c. When one has waited until it is too late. This includes folks like those in the days of Noah. Sodom and Gomorrah, King Saul and Judas.

**Conclusion:** May the sinner heed the admonition of the great prophet Isaiah who pleaded "Call upon the Lord while He is near and seek the Lord while He may be found." What a said hour when one's day of salvation is past.