WHAT IS WRONG WITH ISLAM ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE?

Preface:

The Bible is the 66 books of the Old (39 in Hebrew) & New (27 in Greek) Testaments. Christians are defined as those who believe all the propositions of the Bible, together with all their logical implications. The God of the Bible commands Christians to tell non-believers about Himself and His only revealed word, the Bible. In order to talk to Muslims about Christianity we need to be aware of certain problems in Islam having to do with how Islam views non-Muslims. There is a violence in Islam that is completely antithetical to the teachings of the God of the Bible; as well as unfamiliar to the Western understanding of what constitutes a religion. Before we can have any meaningful dialogue with Muslims we need to get over this hump. Most non-Christians become irritated when Christians tell them that unless they know Christ on this side of death in this world they will have to suffer eternity in hell without Him on the other side of death in the next world. But there is no earthly, physical danger in these dialogues. When Christians find their interlocutors are not interested in listening to them, they simply move on. This is not the case in Islam. Most Muslims consider themselves moderate Muslims. This is impossible to reconcile with the teachings of Islam. because Islam is not moderate. Since most Muslims are apparently not aware of this, we have taken it upon ourselves to point out (with plenty of Islamic scripture references) what Islam truly teaches, so that if any moderate Muslims are offended by what they discover in their own religion, we have some good suggestions for an excellent alternative.

You do <u>not</u> have to know Arabic in order to understand what Islam teaches, as many Muslim scholars falsely claim. It is irrational to claim that an alleged <u>universal</u> religion intended for <u>all</u> mankind must be <u>limited</u> to the Arabic language. Even most Arabic speakers do not understand classic Islamic texts. And we know for a fact that both the God of the Bible and the Allah of Islam know <u>all</u> the languages of men. (One thing they have in common.) We recommend you study both Islam and the Bible in a modern language you understand fully.

Be sure to check out the references in this paper. Ask God to guide you in this study. These are the most important matters in your life. Give them the careful attention they deserve.

- 1. Does Islam teach idolatry in directing Muslims to bow down to a big black stone in Mecca? In the Bible, bowing down to anything physical or material is gross idolatry, whether the object is God made or man made. All over the world, 3 to 5 times a day, Muslims bow down to a big black stone in Mecca. The Bible teaches that God is a Spirit and must be worshipped in spirit and in truth (Psalm 51.17; 66.18; Isaiah 57.15; Matthew 15.8-9; John 4.24), not physically.
- 2. Does Islam teach blasphemy against God in its Al-Nasikh Wal-Mansukh Doctrine? The Doctrine of Abrogation (Quran 2.106; Q.16.101; & Q.17.86) teaches that later verses Allah revealed to Mohammad in Medina completely contradict and replace earlier verses revealed to him in Mecca. For example, some 124 verses teaching toleration of other religions (Q.2.256; 109.6; etc) have been replaced by all the kill-the-kafir-wherever-you-find-them verses (Q.9.5; Q.9.29; Q.8.12; etc). This shows Allah is changeable and self contradictory. By definition, change is imperfection, for what could perfection change to? Allah cannot be God if he is not perfect. And he cannot be perfect if he is changeable and contradicts himself. All self contradiction is deceptive, illogical, and produces

- nonsense. To imply that God is changeable is blasphemy against God because it attributes variableness to Him who is perfect, who therefore cannot change (Numbers 23.19; Deuteronomy 32.4; 2Samuel 22.31; Malachi 3.6). Neither can God's words change (Isaiah 40.8; John 10.35).
- 3. Does Islam commit blasphemy against God by calling him the Khayrul Makireen? This is the unforgivable sin in the Bible. In Q.3.54 & Q.8.30 Allah tells us he is the Khayrul Makireen, the Master Deceiver. (Correctly interpreted by Ibn Kathir, Al-Qurtubi, Al-Tabari and Al-Jalalyn, not as the deceptive recent translations of these verses as Master Planner or Schemer.) If someone is a deceiver, can we trust him? Can we trust what he says? Why do Muslims believe in a deity who is a deceiver? Lying and deception in the Bible is serious sin (Exodus 20.16; Leviticus 19.11; Psalms 52.2-5; Proverbs 6.16-19; 12.22; Jeremiah 17.9). Only the devil in the Bible is called the master deceiver and the father of deception (John 8.44). To attribute evil to God, such as calling Him a deceiver, is unforgivable sin in the Bible. It can not be forgiven until it is repented of and completely forsaken. Those unbelieving Israelites who attributed evil to God by accusing Him of having an evil purpose in bringing them out of Egypt were not allowed to enter the promised land (Exodus 14.11-12; 17.3; Numbers 14.22-37; 1Corinthians 10.1-12). In Mark 3.28-30, again, it is unbelievers who attribute evil to God when they accuse Christ of having an evil spirit. The God of the Bible is incapable of doing evil or being deceptive in any way. His complete perfection and holiness do not allow Him to be or to do anything contrary to His perfect and holy nature. He is unable to lie, or do sin of any kind. God's moral law, summarized in the 10 Commandments given to Moses and the children of Israel on Mt Sinai in Exodus 20, is a direct expression of God's perfect and unchangeable holiness.
- 4. Does Islam idolatrously usurp God's authority by trying to conquer the whole world? In Islam, non-Muslims are called kafir. The term is very derogatory, not at all like the term non believer in the Bible. The Bible believer is not allowed by God to consider the non believer inferior to himself. God commands the believer to imitate God (not a man) by showing love (doing good) even to his non believing enemies (Leviticus 19.18: Exodus 23.4-5: Luke 6.27-28: Romans 12.17-21). This is completely reversed in Islam. The kafir is inferior in every way to the Muslim. Allah instructs Muslims to imitate the man Mohammad and to hate and kill all kafir as his enemy. Allah hates the kafir who is the most despised and vilest of creatures (Q.8.55; Q.98.6; Q.7.176; Q.7.179: Reliance of the Traveller w.59.2). Allah tells Muslims to be compassionate to Muslims but ruthless to the kafir (Q.48.29). Allah transformed Jews into apes and pigs (Q.5.60: Q.7.166: Q.2.65). The Avatollah Khomeini said non-Muslims rank between feces and the sweat of a camel that has consumed impure food. The kafir can be cheated, beaten, mocked, lied to, terrorized, tortured, enslaved, raped and murdered. This is the description of what Muslims are commanded to do to all people who do not want to convert to Islam or submit to it in Dhimmitude by paying the Jizya (a tax, historically 50%, non-Muslims are forced to pay to keep Muslims from murdering and robbing them - similar to Mafia protection money). In Islam all men are either in one of 2 houses: the House of Islam or the House of War. All Islam is at war with all non-Muslims. All Muslims in the world are commanded by Allah to bring all kafir into submission to

Islam, forcibly if not willingly (Quran 9.5; Q.9.29; Q.9.73; Q.8.12: Q.47.4: Q.3.151: Reliance of the Traveller o.9.6). Mohammad sincerely believed he was sent by Allah to bring every kafir under the voke of Islam (Sahih Muslim 1.31). That means war because no one wants to be brought under anyone else's voke. Even the God of the Bible has trouble getting us under His yoke. This war against the kafir is called Jihad. Based on the amount of text devoted to these topics, it is obvious that kafir is the most important subject in Islam's holy books (61% of the Quran, Hadiths, & Sira combined) and Jihad is the most important activity in Islam (67% of the Sira alone). Islam is not a spiritual religion, therefore, but the most deadly kind of political agenda; one with a religious motive. masquerading as a religion, Islam, at its core, is dedicated to the complete destruction of our Western civilization. Jihad as an inner struggle is a non-existent fiction of deceptive Muslims in the West who try to convince us that Islam is a religion of peace. Peace in Islam comes only after the complete annihilation of all its non-Muslim victims. Jihad is total, vicious, continuous, physical war against all kafir until they are completely conquered. Islam's goal to subjugate the entire world to Islam is idolatrous because it usurps God's authority.

5. Does Islam teach idolatry in setting Mohammad up as the ideal man to be imitated? Muslims are told more than 90 times in the Quran to imitate Mohammad as the ideal man When Westerners used to call Muslims Mohammadans this was very offensive to Muslims, but actually Westerners did this because it is the mark of all cults that a man is imitated rather than God. In Islam, it is Mohammad who is to be imitated and it is considered blasphemy to criticize Mohammad in any way. In the Bible, only God is to be imitated (Leviticus 11.44-45; 19.2; 20.26; Deuteronomy 18.13; Luke 6.36; 1Peter 1.15-16) and blasphemy is only recognized when something evil is spoken against God, not any man. So, according to the Bible, to give Mohammad this kind of position is blatant idolatry, because it sets a man up to be like God. And this is certainly the case in Islam. Following are things which Allah approved and Mohammad did, as reported in Islam's 3 holy books: Quran, Hadiths, Sira.

Lying: Allah encourages lying (Sahih Muslim 32.6303). With his strange Islamic illogical logic, he teaches that saying something untrue is not the same as lying (Bukhari 3.49.857). (This is the very definition of lying.) Also, lying (taqiyya) is encouraged in order to advance Islam (Bukhari 5.59.369 & 9.84.64). Taqiyya Islam is what we are experiencing all over the West today with its description of Islam as a religion of peace; its definition of jihad as the struggle to get out of bed in the morning; and its belief that Muslims, Jews and Christians are all worshiping the same God.

Stealing: After Mohammad's 1st wife (Khadija) died, he moved to Medina and earned his living as a thief by robbing caravans and murdering their leaders (Q.48.20; Q.33.27; Q.8.69; Ibn Ishaq 327; 416-428; 503; 508; Bukhari 44.668). He became extremely rich doing this, both in the amount of wealth as well as the number of slaves he acquired in this fashion.

Mass Murder/Genocide: Mohammad committed genocidal mass murder against the Jews of Arabia, who comprised over 50% of the population of the city of Medina (Bukhari 5.59.362; Ishaq 690), merely because they would not accept him as a prophet. Islam's irrational Jew hatred dates from this time. Is Islam declaring war against God in its Jew/kafir hatred? Now the God of the Bible has a thing about Jews, a very special

place in His heart. When you fight against Israel or the Jews you are fighting God (Isaiah 41.8-17; Obadiah 1.10-21). God calls Jacob (re-named Israel) a worm, but He describes Himself as the King of that worm. God is not going to forsake Israel or His Jews (Isaiah 41; Romans 9-11). It is not wise to be on the wrong side of the God of Israel, the God of Jacob. God's beloved worm.

Wives/Polygamy: Allah approves of polygamy (Q.4.3). Muslim men can have up to 4 wives (not counting sex slaves). But Allah allows Mohammad an unlimited number of wives (Q.33.50: Reliance of the Traveller m.6.10). In the Bible. God makes no distinction between prophets and other men regarding what they are allowed. No prophets in the Bible are considered sinless, as they are in Islam, All men are treated with equality under God's Biblical law. When some of the important prophet-kings in the Bible had multiple wives, it was not what God had prescribed for them. God simply reported what they did: He did not express approval of it. Also, the concubines in the Bible are never sex slaves. They gave themselves to married men in the Bible for the purpose of obtaining children because the wives were barren. The focus was not on the sex. In Islam the focus is on the sex: the women are sex slaves; and the sex is rape.

Adultery: Allah allowed Mohammad to marry Zeyneb, the wife of his adopted son, Said (Q.33.37). In the Bible, except for sexual unfaithfulness, desertion or death of the spouse, sex with someone who is or has been married is considered adultery (Matthew 19.9; 1Corinthians 7.15). To this day, there is almost no adoption of children among Muslims on account of the laws of consanguinity regarding sex between close relatives, all because of Mohammad's adultery.

Child Sex Molestation: Allah allows sex between Muslim men and little children. In Bukhari 7.62.88 & Sahih Muslim 8.3309-3311. Avshe describes her marriage to Mohammad. She was 6; he was in his 50's. The marriage was consummated when she was 9. There is no way a child 6-9 years old can give consent for sex and marriage to an adult man. Also, this cannot be made acceptable by attributing it to cultural differences, even in the case of a feeble-minded parent who gives his consent to the sexual molestation of his own child, as Abu Bakr (1st Caliph after Mohammad) did in the case of his daughter Avshe (Bukhari 7.62.18). This is nothing less than vicious, violent child rape and sex molestation. The legal age for marriage for girls today in Iran is 9 (Civil code Article #1041), but religious, Sharia compliant Muslim men all over the globe are raping much younger girls, even infants. Mohammad set the example. This sin of having sex with little children is so atrocious that it is not even recorded in the Bible.

Slavery/Racism: Allah approves of slavery. Mohammad owned and traded many slaves (Bukhari 1.8.440; 3.34.295; 3.36.481; 7.65.344; Sahih Muslim 1.130; 8.3383; Guillaume, Life of Mohammad, pp.466-593). A racist, he called black people raisin heads (Bukhari 1.11.662). To this day, Islam has never abolished its practice of slavery. It exists widely in Africa, Arabia and the Gulf States. Many unfortunate people who fall into the hands of Saudi, Qatar, and other Gulf State employers face barbarism in the extreme. Muslims entice people from poor countries, like the Philippines, to come to work for an agreed upon salary. When the poor wretches arrive, passports are confiscated so that they cannot escape and they are paid nothing, becoming actual slaves of their "employers." Many women who go to Muslim nations from

poor countries are among the newest sex slaves of Islam, while many of the men from these countries have become labor slaves for Muslims. This barbarism is all part of Islam's policy towards non Muslims. It is divinely approved by Allah. These are the kinds of things Mohammad did and his followers are still doing today.

Women: Islam's treatment of women is close to its treatment of kafir. On this subject, Islam confuses role issues with legal issues. In the Bible, men and women are not supposed to exchange roles, behavior, or clothing, despite appearances to the contrary in the present day degeneracy of America. Bible men and women have very distinct roles and behavior, but they are never to be treated unequally under the law and they are never unequal in value or worth to God. This is not so in Islam. Women in Islam are chattel, the property of their husbands, like fields men can go into and plow whenever or however they want (Q.2.223; Abu Dawud 11.2138-39).

(a) Allah encourages Muslim men to rape unlimited numbers of women, whoever they can capture (milk al-yamin, "whatever your right hand possesses," Q.4.3; Q.4.24; Q.23.1-6; Q.24.33; Q.33.50). These are sex slaves. They do not count as wives. Neither is sex with them considered adultery. Countless European women are today being raped in their own nations by immigrant Muslim rapists. The Muslim attitude toward these women is that by not covering themselves like Muslim women they are asking to be raped. In the Bible, men who want sex with captive women must marry them properly, and if they choose not to keep them as wives, they must let them go free. They are never allowed to sell them into slavery after sexually humbling them (Deuteronomy 21.10-14).

(b) Men are superior to women who are dependent on men for support. Muslim men are allowed to <u>beat</u> their <u>wives</u> (Q.4.34). In the Bible, if a man does not treat his wife with honor his prayers are not heard by God (1Peter 3.7). It is not possible to honor or respect a person you can beat.

(c) <u>Hell</u> is populated mostly by women because of their inferiority in <u>intelligence</u> and religion (Bukhari 1.6.301; B.7.62.132). (d) Women's minds are deficient. Their <u>testimony</u> is ½ the value of men's at court (Q.2.282; Bukhari 3.48.826).

(e) Girls receive ½ the inheritance of boys (Q.4.11).

(f) Muslim women must undergo the totally savage practice of female genital mutilation or clitorectomy. (Reliance of the Traveller e.4.3; Sahih Muslim 3.684). This is not a minor surgical procedure as is male circumcision. It is most often performed on near teenaged girls without anesthesia. The most radical form of this barbaric practice renders a woman, if she survives it, unable to enjoy sex with her husband and unable to be clean in her genital area, for life.

(g) The ultimate cruelty against Muslim women is honor killing. Most all honor murder in the world is Islamic. A Muslim man's honor depends on the social activity of the women in his household. Muslim men cannot be questioned in Sharia courts as to why they beat their wives (Abu Dawud 11.2142). Wives have no legal protection against savage beatings by husbands. And no man will be prosecuted in Islam for personally murdering his own daughter, wife, sister, or mother if he feels her conduct brings shame to him. In many cases, men have murdered women because they refused to wear the hijab head covering, or they may have just talked to a boy in their school class. Many daughters have been murdered by their fathers because they were raped by them and these evil men do not want their devilish crime discovered. Sharia (Islamic) law, when allowed to be practiced in the West, is

abominable for Muslim women: By not being able to come under the protection that our Western laws grant to all women, they cannot escape the horrific treatment Islam allocates to them. In the Bible influenced West, it is usually always the man who is blamed for sexual misconduct; and correctly so. for how many women are there who initiate unwanted sex with men? But in Islam, where everything is upside down, the woman is always blamed for male sexual misconduct. Muslim men are not responsible to keep their effervescent sexual appetites in check. Women must cover their beauty so that Muslim men are not tempted to rape them. Adultery is punishable by death (Bukhari 3.38.508). Since rape must be proved by at least 4 witnesses, women reporting rape against themselves in the Muslim world are almost always accused of, and executed for, adultery. 75% of the women in Pakistani prisons are rape victims who could not produce 4 witnesses.

(h) Islam's claim that women are more protected and honored since Mohammad's time is bizarre. There is no woman today anywhere in Sharia Islam like Khadija, the 1st wife of Mohammad. She ran her own business and was master of her own life. On the contrary, Islam has brought the greatest enslavement to women the world has ever known, an enslavement still going on after 1400 years.

Now we know all Muslims don't practice these revolting things. But many do. The point is, these things are encouraged in Islam. They are divinely sanctioned in its holy books. They are taught by Allah. They were practiced by Mohammad. And they are identicel to the teachings of the devil in the Bible.

In this paper we have distinguished between Sharia Islam and Tagivva Islam. This is an important distinction. In Muslim lands there is varying conformity to Sharia (Islamic law) It is a little like when communists in the 1950's used to say: our pure communism is not really existing anywhere in the world yet, but someday it will be. Most Muslim nations are not practicing pure Sharia law now probably because their exposure to the West has shamed some of them out of it. But the recently formed terrorist Islamic State (ISIS, ISIL) is pure Islam. The newly self proclaimed Caliph Al-Baghdadi has a PhD in Islamic studies from the University of Baghdad and he is following Allah and Mohammad just like Osama bin Laden did. In the Western free world, we have Tagiyya Islam. Where Islam is not yet in the majority, since it cannot militarily defeat the West, it must tread lightly, and deceptively, trying to attract the kafir rather than mistreating him. only teaching its true, violent teachings in inner rooms to pure (not moderate) Muslims. This is the case in most mosques in the West; and also in our Arab petrodollar funded university Islamic Studies Departments. The pandemic rise of Jew hatred all over Europe and at our American universities testifies to this steady, stealth, deceptive advance of the evil teachings of Islam. Today, great numbers of Jihadi terrorists are being grown right here in our Western countries - in the mosques and in our Arab funded universities. They still operate in the deceptive mode in our free countries in the West because they are not yet sufficient in numbers. But with our liberal welfare programs for nonworking immigrants and our culturally relativistic, asleep people, they will soon be in the majority. It is just like having Nazis in high places in our government, military, schools, businesses and churches, all plotting our annihilation under

our noses, while we are still trying to make them feel comfortable about their backward, deceptive, wicked practices.

How could 1.2 billion Muslims on our planet be duped into following this devilish insanity, this Satanic Allah, who has turned everything upside down, making evil good and good evil? And how have we in the West let Islam so freely operate in our nations? It is hard to understand. We should value our freedom so dearly because it is our God who gave it to us. And our warriors who died to protect it in blood drenched fields all over the world. But we are failing. God made it very simple. If we follow Him He will give us freedom and peace. If we turn away from Him, as we have done for the last half century and more, and live in false religions, like atheistic Darwinian Evolutionism and Marxist Socialism, He will give us slavery and war. These false religions produced great evils all over the world, just as Islam produced ferocious cruelty and evil enslavement in all the Islamic nations. America is not now like it was when we were close to God and founded our wonderful nation on the Bible principles of limited, representative. constitutional government, with its superb capitalistic free market economic system, and their emphases on the protection of the individual and his private property, his freedom of speech and religion, and the correct Bible doctrine of the Westminster Standards of Faith of 1648. Now our once beautiful land is filled with the atheistic degeneracy of pomography. crime, alcohol, drug and child sex abuse, fornication. adultery, divorce, homosexuality and the rivers of blood from the 60+ million unborn babies we have murdered in abortion since 1973. We are not as degenerate as Islam is, but God will punish us much more harshly, because we knew God and vet turned away from Him. while Islam never knew God at all. But if we return to Him God will take us back to Himself. And He will see to it that when we suffer enough, we will turn back to Him. That is the history of God's dealings with His people throughout the Bible. But the Muslim nations are hopeless. just like Hitler's Nazism. If the Muslims do not turn away from their devilish Islam. God will destroy them just as He did the Nazis in WWII: also just as He did all the ancient false religious people in the Bible. The glue that holds Islam together is fear, but it is not fear of God. Islam is just like every other totalitarian political regime (Communism or Nazism): What keeps people in line is the government thugs who will gladly take care of you if you step out of line by criticizing them. This fear keeps Muslims from freeing themselves from Islam's wickedness. Many Germans knew Hitler was an insane maniac, but they did not stand up against him. God had to destroy him in WWII. None of us wanted war with the Nazis but we were forced to defend ourselves against their insane plan to conquer us. Islam is so similar to Nazism. They have the same political agenda: same racist Jew/kafir hatred, same terroristic totalitarian cruelty, and same insane desire to conquer the world. How different are Bible people. They don't want to harm anybody. They just want non believers to join them so that they can receive the same blessings God has given to believers. That's how God is. He doesn't enjoy punishing His enemies (Ezekiel 18.23; 33.11). He bids them to come to Him and live. How different is the devilish Allah who only wants his followers to hate and murder all kafir

6. What does the Bible teach? The Bible teaches that God is perfect, unchangeable, all wise, all powerful, all holy, and all loving. He is personal in the sense that He has will, intellect and emotions. He is loving in the sense that He does good to all His creatures, even His enemies, at least in this

life. That He created man in His image refers to man's rational, logical nature. God created His creation in 6 ordinary days (Exodus 20.11) by speaking it into existence. And everything God created was perfect. The reason the world is in such an evil mess now is because men made it that way. God gave our first parents freedom to follow or not follow His commands. Because Adam was our federal representative (stood in the place of all of us) as well as our first father. all of us were in him and came from him; and are both credited with, and inherited, his new sin nature. You never have to teach your child to sin: lie, steal, hate, covet, disobey parents. He does all that out of his own sin nature. Sin is disobedience (1John 3.4) to God's moral law (summarized in the 10 Commandments of Exodus 20). The Bible teaches that all men are sinful and therefore bound to go to hell as the penalty their sin deserves. As a holy judge. God can not overlook or indulge our sin the way Allah does. The penalty must be paid. So God Himself pays it for us, in our place. The sacrifice must be flawless. God is the only one who qualifies. As God He is flawless and perfect. As man, He can die. So He rescues us from our sin, by coming down to earth and becoming a man so that He can die as our perfect corban sacrifice to take away our sin. It is the only way He can let sinners enter His heaven without compromising His holy justice. And He offers this gift to anyone who wants it (Isaiah 55: Hosea 14.2: Joel 2.12: Zechariah 1.3: Malachi 3.6-7; Matthew 11.28-30; John 6.37b). There is nothing we can do to merit heaven. The only thing we bring to our salvation is our sin. God does everything. We don't get our act cleaned up and then come to Him. We come to Him just as we are, in all our sin and filth, and He cleans us up. Jews and Christians are so different from Muslims. God is so different from Allah. God wants your heart, not your devilish, murderous rage against other men who believe differently from you. God wants you to imitate Him (Leviticus 19.2; Matthew 5.48; 1Peter 1.16), not some filthy, pathological liar, serial rapist, genocidal mass murderer, child sex molester, greedy thief, lecherous adulterer, vicious slave holder, and cruel wife beater. One would have to be completely retarded to think Mohammad's life would please a holy God. There is no peace for Mohammad. He is in the lowest pit of hell, where the Allah devil will soon join him (Revelation 20.10).

Muslims must ask the God of the Bible to rescue them from their devilish Jew/kafir hatred, their stupid malice against women, their devil Allah and his insane rasul. Mohammad. Take words with you and ask God to make you clean: free you from your evil Islam; and apply His corban sacrifice to cover your sin. Stop subscribing to a religion which wants you to blow yourselves up in order to defend it. No Christians and Jews do this. Only Muslims do this kind of insanity. Come and worship the God of the Bible. You don't deserve Him. We don't either. God didn't choose us because we are better than you or any other people. He makes us different after He takes hold of our dark evil little hearts. Now is the time for you to give Him your dark evil little hearts. But come soon, because one day, when the time comes. God is going to end our present world. And in the next world our resurrection bodies are going to be indestructible. And the fire is eternal. It is much better to go to heaven. Come to Him while you still can (Isaiah 55.6).