

Seek the Lord Who Now Is Present

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Seek the Lord who now is present, pray to One who is at hand.

Let the wicked cease from sinning, evildoers change their mind.

On the sinful God has pity; those returning God forgives.

This is what the Lord is saying to a world that disbelieves.

Judge Me not by human standards! As the vault of heaven soars

High above the earth, so higher are my thoughts and ways than yours.

See how rain and snow from heaven make earth blossom and bear fruit,

Giving you, before returning, seed for sowing, bread to eat:

"So My Word returns not fruitless; does not from its labors cease

Till it has achieved My purpose in a world of joy and peace."

God is love! How close the prophet to that vital gospel word!

In Isaiah's inspiration it is Jesus we have heard!