



# PROCEEDING WORD

APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES

## PWAM Bible Study "The Proceeding Word of God" Elder Miracle King Pettenger

*According to Isaiah 55, God's Word is a Proceeding Word. What does the term "proceeding" mean?  
How does it apply to God's plans and purpose for all areas of our lives?*

### **Definitions:**

#### **pre·cede**

*verb \pri-'sēd\*  
: to happen, go, or come before (something or someone)  
: to do or say something before (something)

#### **Full Definition of PRECEDE**

*transitive verb*  
1: to surpass in rank, dignity, or importance  
2: to be, go, or come ahead or in front of  
3: to be earlier than  
4: to cause to be preceded : PREFACE

*intransitive verb*  
: to go or come before

#### **Related to PRECEDE**

##### Synonyms

ANTECEDE, ANTEDATE, FOREGO, PREDATE,  
PREEEXIST

##### Antonyms

FOLLOW, POSTDATE, SUCCEED

"Precede." Merriam-Webster.com. Merriam-Webster, n.d. Web. 17 Sept. 2014.  
<<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/precede>>.

#### **pro·ceed**

*verb \prō-'sēd, prə-\*  
: to continue to do something  
: to continue being done  
: to do something after you have done something else

#### **Full Definition of PROCEED**

*intransitive verb*  
1: to come forth from a source : ISSUE <strange sounds proceeded from the room>  
2a: to continue after a pause or interruption  
b: to go on in an orderly regulated way  
3a: to begin and carry on an action, process, or movement  
b: to be in the process of being accomplished <the work is proceeding well>  
4: to move along a course : ADVANCE

#### **Related to PROCEED**

##### Synonyms

ADVANCE, COME, COME ALONG, DO, FARE, FORGE,  
GET ALONG, GET ON, GO ALONG, GO OFF, MARCH,  
PACE, GO, PROGRESS

##### Antonyms

REMAIN, STAND, STAY, STOP

##### Related Words

ACCELERATE, FAST-FORWARD, SPEED; APPROACH,  
NEAR; JOURNEY, PASS, REPAIR, RUN, TRAVEL,  
WEND; ACTUATE, DRIVE, IMPEL, PROPEL, PUSH; TAKE  
OUT

##### Near Antonyms

ARREST, BALK, BLOCK, CHECK, DETAIN, HALT,  
HINDER, HOLD BACK, IMPEDE, NIP, OBSTRUCT, SLOW  
(DOWN or UP), STEM; REPRESS, RETARD, STUNT,  
SUPPRESS; DELAY, INTERRUPT, STALL; CRAMP,  
HAMPER, INHIBIT; CEASE, LET UP, PAUSE; REGRESS;  
WAIT

[+]MORE[-]HIDE

See Synonym Discussion at SPRING

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<<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/proceed>>.

## How is God's Word a “proceeding word”?

- God's Word is a proceeding word. **Proceed** means “to come from a source; to go on in an orderly regulated way, to carry on an action, process, or movement; to advance with a series of events, actions, or happenings”.
- God's Word is an authoritative series of actions and creative declarations. It is designed with divine and predestined purpose to prosper in every area of our lives, both naturally and spiritually, to the glory of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- As per the definition, in order for something to “proceed”, it must continue from a point of origin or source. God is our source. If God starts it, He will finish it. He is obligated to do so by His own word and authority.
  - *Philippians 1:6 (KJV) – Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*
  - *Revelation 21:6 (KJV) – And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*
- The opposite is also true. If God doesn't start it, He will not finish it. Don't expect God to finish what He didn't start. God doesn't start foolishness, envy, strife, bitterness or confusion; so don't expect God to finish or perfect it. He doesn't bless mess, but He will cleanse it with His Blood if you give it to Him.
- There are many interruptions and pauses that come on this journey of life. This may be the enemy, family, friends, associates, or just daily life situations. Though they may cause us to pause, they cannot stop the process God has started! God's Word never stops or delays. God's Word never fails.

“There is purpose in God's Word, the proceeding word of God.” ~ Apostle D. J. King

## Excerpts from Bible Overview by Rose Publishing: Isaiah (pgs. 105 – 109)

- **Purpose:**
  - Called to prophesy to the kingdom of Judah, the prophet Isaiah preached a message of judgment and salvation.
  - The main purpose of the book of Isaiah is to communicate God's anger, disappointment, and sorrow with His people's behavior and to warn them of impending judgment. Judah could continue to turn to political treaties, other gods, and military strength to save them, but their efforts to do so would prove worthless. Unless the people of Judah repented and fully relied on God as their Savior, they would never be safe from destruction.
  - However, Isaiah is more than a prophecy of doom. Isaiah, whose name means “Yahweh saves,” wrote beautiful and memorable prophecies of hope and salvation. Isaiah's prophecy anticipates the coming of a king, a Messiah, who will fulfill all of God's promises to Israel. A remnant of God's people will find their redemption in the coming of this Messiah – a suffering servant – who will die to save them.
- During his long ministry, Isaiah warned the kings of Judah about their political and military deals as well as their unrighteousness, complacency, injustices, and arrogance.
- **Themes:**
  - **God the Holy One of Israel.** God is a holy God, and He will not tolerate sin. Sin will be punished.
  - **God as Savior and Redeemer.** God is a merciful, loving and forgiving God. Israel and Judah deserved to be completely destroyed, but God promised salvation and restoration to a remnant.
  - **God's Suffering Servant – The Promised Messiah.** Only through the suffering of the promised Messiah, God's Servant, will God's people be healed and forgiven of their iniquities. The promised Messiah, through His suffering, will inaugurate the kingdom of God – the new heaven and the new earth.
- **Jesus in Isaiah**
  - Jesus is the promised Messiah, a descendant of King David (Isa. 11:1-2). Jesus Christ fulfilled more than 50 prophecies in the book of Isaiah.
  - Jesus is the suffering servant who was pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities, and by His wounds we are healed (Isa. 53; I Peter 2:21-25).
  - Death would not contain Jesus. In His death and resurrection, Jesus inaugurated a new kingdom – God's kingdom. When Jesus returns, there will be a new heaven and a new earth where crying and weeping will be heard no more (Isa. 65:17-19).

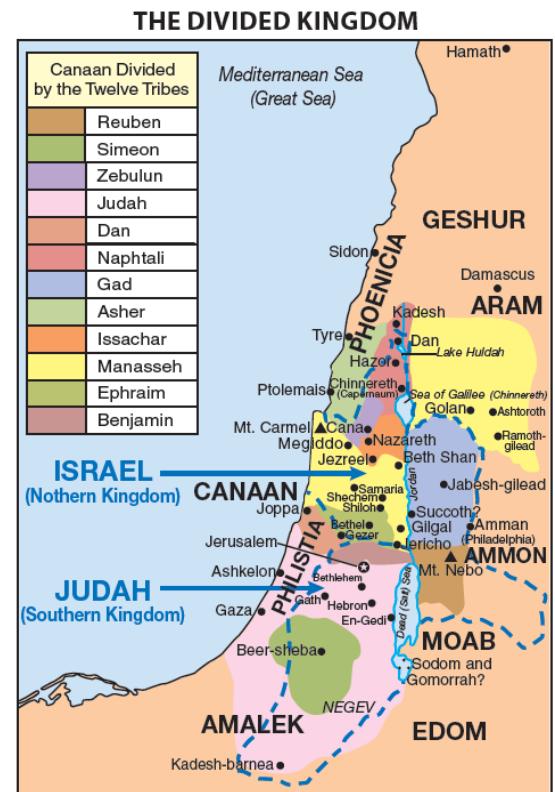


Figure 1- The Divided Kingdom  
Bible Overview by Rose Publishing p.68

## Scripture Text:

### **Isaiah 55**

*King James Version (KJV)*

55 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

<sup>5</sup> Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

<sup>6</sup> Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

<sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

**<sup>11</sup> So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

<sup>12</sup> For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

### **Isaiah 55**

*New Living Translation (NLT)*

#### **Invitation to the LORD's Salvation**

55 "Is anyone thirsty?

Come and drink—  
even if you have no money!

Come, take your choice of wine or milk—  
it's all free!

<sup>2</sup> Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength?

Why pay for food that does you no good?  
Listen to me, and you will eat what is good.

You will enjoy the finest food.

<sup>3</sup> "Come to me with your ears wide open.

Listen, and you will find life.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you.

I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David.

<sup>4</sup> See how I used him to display my power among the peoples.

I made him a leader among the nations.

<sup>5</sup> You also will command nations you do not know,  
and peoples unknown to you will come running to obey,

because I, the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, have made you glorious."

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while you can find him.

Call on him now while he is near.

<sup>7</sup> Let the wicked change their ways  
and banish the very thought of doing wrong.

Let them turn to the LORD that he may have mercy on them.

Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously.

<sup>8</sup> "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD.

"And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.

<sup>9</sup> For just as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so my ways are higher than your ways  
and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup> "The rain and snow come down from the heavens  
and stay on the ground to water the earth.

They cause the grain to grow,  
producing seed for the farmer  
and bread for the hungry.

**<sup>11</sup> It is the same with my word.  
I send it out, and it always produces fruit.**

**It will accomplish all I want it to,  
and it will prosper everywhere I send it.**

<sup>12</sup> You will live in joy and peace.

The mountains and hills will burst into song,  
and the trees of the field will clap their hands!

<sup>13</sup> Where once there were thorns, cypress trees will grow.  
Where nettles grew, myrtles will sprout up.

These events will bring great honor to the LORD's name;  
they will be an everlasting sign of his power and love."

## According to the MacArthur Study Bible Commentary:

- **Isaiah 55:1**
  - **Everyone.** The Servant's redemptive work and glorious kingdom is for the benefit of all who are willing to come (53:6). The prophet invites his readers to participate in the benefits obtained by the suffering of the Servant in chapter 53 and described in chapter 54.
  - **no money ... without money and without price.** Benefits in the Servant's kingdom will be free because of His redemptive work (53:6, 8, 11; Eph. 2:8, 9).
  - **Wine and milk.** Symbols for abundance, satisfaction, and prosperity (Song 5:1; Joel 3:18).
- **Isaiah 55:2 not bread.** This is the "bread of deceit" (Prov. 20:17) and not the "bread of life" (John 6:32-35).
- **Isaiah 55:3**
  - **Everlasting covenant.** The new Covenant that God will give to Israel (54:8; 61:8; Jer. 31:31-34; 32:40; 50:5; Ezek. 16:60, 37:26; Heb. 13:20).
  - **Sure mercies of David.** The Davidic Covenant promised David that his seed would be ruler over Israel in an everlasting kingdom (2 Sam. 7:8, 16; Ps. 89:27-29). Paul connected the resurrection of Christ with this promise (Acts 13:34), since it was an essential event in fulfilling this promise. If He had not fully satisfied God by His atoning death, He would not have risen; if He had not risen from the dead, He could not eventually sit on David's earthly throne. But He did rise and will fulfill the kingly role (v.4). Cross reference Jer. 30:9; Ezek. 34:23,24; 37:24,25; Dan. 9:25; Hos. 3:5; Mic. 5:2. The whole world will come to Him as the Great King (v.5).
- **Isaiah 55:6, 7** Here is one of the clearest OT invitations to salvation now and kingdom blessing later. It gives an excellent example of how people were saved during the OT period. Salvation grace and mercy were available to the soul that was willing to 1) seek the Lord (Deut. 4:29; 2 Chr. 15:4) and 2) call on Him while He is still available (65:1; Ps. 32:6; Prov. 8:17; Matt. 25:1-13; John 7:34; 8:21; 2 Cor. 6:2; Heb. 2:3; 3:13,15). Such true seeking in faith is accompanied by repentance, which is described as forsaking ways and thoughts and turning from sinful living to the Lord. A sinner must come, believing in God, recognizing his sin and desiring forgiveness and deliverance from that sin. At the same time he must recognize his own inability to be righteous or to satisfy God and cast himself on God's mercy. It is then that he receives a complete pardon. His sin has been covered by the substitution of the Messiah in his place (chap. 53). This OT pattern of salvation is illustrated in Luke 18:9-14.
- **Isaiah 55:7 forsake.** An integral part of seeking the Lord (v. 6) is a turning from sin (1:16).
- **Isaiah 55:8, 9 My thoughts ... My ways.** Some may doubt such willingness as described in v.7, but God's grace is far beyond human comprehension, especially as manifested toward Israel.
- **Isaiah 55:10, 11 rain ... snow ... My word.** Moisture from heaven invariably accomplishes its intended purpose in helping meet human physical needs. The Word of God will likewise produce its intended results in fulfilling God's spiritual purposes, especially the establishment of the Davidic kingdom on earth (vv. 1- 5).
- **Isaiah 55:12 go out with joy ... led out with peace.** Exiled Israel will return from her dispersion rejoicing in her deliverance and unbothered by her enemies.
- **Isaiah 55:13 Instead of the thorn ... myrtle tree.** In the Davidic kingdom positive changes in nature, including the reverse of the curse (Gen. 3:17) will be an ongoing testimony to the Lord's redemption of His people (44:23; Rom. 8:19-23).

## Key Verse with Lexicon Strong's

### **Isaiah 55:11 (KJV)**

So shall my word [H1697](#) be that goeth forth [H3318](#) out of my mouth: [H6310](#) it shall not return [H7725](#) unto me void, [H7387](#) but it shall accomplish [H6213](#) that which I please, [H2654](#) and it shall prosper [H6743](#) *in the thing whereto I sent* [H7971](#) it.

### Word - Lexicon :: Strong's H1697 - *dabar*

דְּבָר

Transliteration <i>dabar</i>	Pronunciation dä·vär' (Key)
Part of Speech masculine noun	Root Word (Etymology) From <a href="#">דָּבָר</a> (H1696)
Outline of Biblical Usage	
1. speech, word, speaking, thing 1. speech 2. saying, utterance 3. word, words 4. business, occupation, acts, matter, case, something, manner (by extension)	
KJV Translation Count — Total: 1,439x	
<b>The KJV translates Strong's H1697 in the following manner:</b> <u>word</u> (807x), <u>thing</u> (231x), <u>matter</u> (63x), <u>acts</u> (51x), <u>chronicles</u> (38x), <u>saying</u> (25x), <u>commandment</u> (20x), <u>misc</u> (204x).	

### Forth - Lexicon :: Strong's H3318 - *yatsa'*

יַצֵּא

Transliteration <i>yatsa'</i>	Pronunciation yä-tsä' (Key)
Part of Speech verb	Root Word (Etymology) A primitive root
Outline of Biblical Usage	
1. to go out, come out, exit, go forth 1. (Qal) 1. to go or come out or forth, depart 2. to go forth (to a place) 3. to go forward, proceed to (to or toward something) 4. to come or go forth (with purpose or for result) 5. to come out of 2. (Hiphil) 1. to cause to go or come out, bring out, lead out 2. to bring out of 3. to lead out 4. to deliver 3. (Hophal) to be brought out or forth	
KJV Translation Count — Total: 1,069x	
<b>The KJV translates Strong's H3318 in the following manner:</b> <u>....out</u> (518x), <u>....forth</u> (411x), <u>bring</u> (24x), <u>come</u> (24x), <u>proceed</u> (16x), <u>go</u> (13x), <u>depart</u> (10x), <u>misc</u> (53x).	

### Void - Lexicon :: Strong's H7387 - *reyqam*

רִקָּם

Transliteration <i>reyqam</i>	Pronunciation rä·käm' (Key)
Part of Speech adverb	Root Word (Etymology) From <a href="#">רִקָּם</a> (H7386)
Outline of Biblical Usage	
1. vainly, emptily 1. in empty condition, empty, emptily 2. in vain, without effect, vainly	
KJV Translation Count — Total: 16x	
<b>The KJV translates Strong's H7387 in the following manner:</b> <u>empty</u> (12x), <u>without cause</u> (2x), <u>void</u> (1x), <u>vain</u> (1x)	

## Accomplish - Lexicon :: Strong's H6213 - `asah

**אָשָׁה**

Transliteration `asah	Pronunciation ä·sä' (Key)
Part of Speech verb	Root Word (Etymology) A primitive root
Outline of Biblical Usage	
1. to do, fashion, accomplish, make <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (Qal)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to do, work, make, produce                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to do</li> <li>2. to work</li> <li>3. to deal (with)</li> <li>4. to act, act with effect, effect</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. to make                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to make</li> <li>2. to produce</li> <li>3. to prepare</li> <li>4. to make (an offering)</li> <li>5. to attend to, put in order</li> <li>6. to observe, celebrate</li> <li>7. to acquire (property)</li> <li>8. to appoint, ordain, institute</li> <li>9. to bring about</li> <li>10. to use</li> <li>11. to spend, pass</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>2. (Niphal)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to be done</li> <li>2. to be made</li> <li>3. to be produced</li> <li>4. to be offered</li> <li>5. to be observed</li> <li>6. to be used</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. (Pual) to be made</li> </ul> <li>2. (Piel) to press, squeeze</li>	

KJV Translation Count — Total: 2,633x

**The KJV translates Strong's H6213 in the following manner:** do (1,333x), make (653x), wrought (52x), deal (52x), commit (49x), offer (49x), execute (48x), keep (48x), shew (43x), prepare (37x), work (29x), do so (21x), perform (18x), get (14x), dress (13x), maker (13x), Maintain (7x), misc (154x).

## Prosper - Lexicon :: Strong's H6743 - tsalach

**טַלְחָה**

Transliteration tsalach	Pronunciation tsä·lakh' (Key)
Part of Speech verb	Root Word (Etymology) A primitive root
Outline of Biblical Usage	
1. (Qal) to rush <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. to advance, prosper, make progress, succeed, be profitable             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (Qal) to prosper</li> <li>2. (Hiphil)                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to make prosperous, bring to successful issue, cause to prosper</li> <li>2. to show or experience prosperity, prosper</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

KJV Translation Count — Total: 65x

**The KJV translates Strong's H6743 in the following manner:** prosper (44x), come (6x), prosperous (5x), come mightily (2x), effected (1x), good (1x), meet (1x), break out (1x), went over (1x), misc (3x).



## PWAM Bible Study Questions "The Proceeding Word of God"

### Bible Study Review:

1. What does the term “proceeding” mean to you?  

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2. Does God’s Word “precede”, “proceed”, or both? *Please give a scripture to support your response.*  

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3. Who paid the price so the prophet Isaiah could offer free drink in chapter 55 verse 1? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What does the wine and milk in chapter 55 verse 1 represent?  

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5. What kind of *bread* is Isaiah referring to in chapter 55 verse 2? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did God promise David through the Davidic Covenant?  

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7. How did the enemy try to stop God’s “proceeding” promise to David? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Did the enemy succeed in stopping the plans and promises of God? *Please give a scripture to support your response.* \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is a vital part to seeking the Lord according to chapter 55 verse 7? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Why is the Messiah referred to as the “Suffering Servant”? *Please give a scripture to support your response.*  

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### Practical Application of the Word of God:

11. What are God’s plans, promises, and purpose for the areas of your life as described below? *Please give a scripture to support your response.*
  - a. God’s “proceeding” Word for the family ...  

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  - b. God’s “proceeding” Word for your finances ...  

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  - c. God’s “proceeding” Word for your physical/mental health ...  

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  - d. God’s “proceeding” Word for your spirit ...  

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12. Is God obligated to fulfill His promises for your life? *Please give a scripture to support your response.*  

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13. How can you overcome the distractions and interruptions of life that may try to hinder God’s promises for you? *Please give a scripture to support your response.*  

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