

# Isaiah 55:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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This verse applies the rain/snow analogy to God's word. 'So shall my word be'—drawing the parallel between precipitation's reliability and Scripture's efficacy. God's word 'goeth forth out of my mouth'—emphasizing divine origin, authority, and intentionality. The promise: it 'shall not return unto me void' (reyqam—empty, without effect, unsuccessful). Instead, it 'shall accomplish that which I please' (chephets—delight, purpose, desire) and 'prosper in the thing whereto I sent it' (sahlach—succeed, accomplish the mission). This guarantees Scripture's effectiveness—every divine promise will be fulfilled, every prophecy accomplished, every command effective for its intended purpose. God's word never fails to achieve what He designed it to accomplish.

## Historical Context

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Isaiah's prophecies often seemed impossible—exiles returning, Messiah coming, salvation reaching Gentiles. Yet God assured His word would accomplish these purposes, however long they took or unlikely they seemed. New Testament writers saw Isaiah's prophecies fulfilled in Christ, vindicating God's word's reliability. Church history demonstrates Scripture's enduring power—unchanged by cultural shifts, government opposition, or intellectual trends. Countless testimonies confirm God's promises accomplishing His purposes in individual lives, despite delays or obstacles.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's guarantee that His word will accomplish its purpose affect your confidence in praying and claiming Scripture's promises?
2. What specific word or promise from God seems delayed or unlikely in your circumstances, and how does this verse encourage you to keep trusting?

## Interlinear Text

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	So shall my word		be that goeth forth	out of my mouth	
	H1697		H3318	H6310	
וְשׁוּב H7725	אֵלַי H413	רִיקָם H7387	כִּי H3588	אֲמַלְכֶה H518	אֶת H853
it shall not return		unto me void		but it shall accomplish	
H7725		H7387		H6213	
אֲשֶׁר H834	חֲפֵצְתִּי H2654	וְהִצְלִיחַ H6743	אֲשֶׁר H834	שְׁלִחְתִּיו: H7971	
	that which I please	and it shall prosper		in the thing whereto I sent	
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 24:35** (Word): Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

**Isaiah 46:10** (Parallel theme): Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

**Romans 10:17** (Word): So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**John 6:63** (Word): It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

**Isaiah 45:23** (Word): I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

**1 Corinthians 1:18** (Parallel theme): For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

**1 Thessalonians 2:13** (Word): For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

**1 Peter 1:23** (Word): Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

**James 1:18** (Word): Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

**Hebrews 6:7** (Parallel theme): For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: