**Seeking God**

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[***Psalm 105:4***](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ps%20105.4) ***“Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!”***

Over 50 times in the Bible we are told to Seek the Lord!

From the very beginning we were created to have a relationship with God. We see this in Genesis when God is walking & talking in the Garden with Adam & Eve but then we were separated from God by our sin.

It is by seeking God that we learn about him and the great love he has for us. But, if we do not seek God, how can we know Him? How can we experience his presence in our life? The Bible tells us that if we are truly following Christ we will **not** seek after the things of this world but seek after the things above.

*Romans 8:5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.*

*Colossians 3:1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.*

Scripture tells us that we are to seek God and his kingdom. God will not force Himself on us. He will pursue us but we need to seek Him diligently, with faith, if we want to find him and know his will.

*Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

*Luke 11:9 So I say to you: 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you'.*

*Hebrews 11:6 it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.*

**How to Seeking God**

**God wants us to Seek and find Him!** If we seek God, we can find HimHim all around us in our everyday life. We just need to open our eyes and look. We can learn about God by reading the Bible, praying and going to church, but we can also find Him In nature, in people and in our everyday activities if we just ask and look for His presence! But it takes more than just looking around.

You should be getting a sense that seeking God is more than a half-hearted attempt to read a bible verse here and there or saying a quick prayer now and then or even sitting in Church on Sunday.

*Proverbs 8:17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me* ***diligently*** *find me.* (This is speaking about wisdom but true wisdom comes from God)

*Jeremiah 29:11-13 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you* ***seek me with all your heart****.*

These verses are pretty clear that we need to put some effort into seeking Him. You have to really want to find Him. We need to seek him diligently with all our heart and soul and when we do, then we will find him.

**We can seek God in His word:** God reveals himself in his word so we Can seek Him through reading the Bible. The bible reveals Gods heart to us. It tells us what he desires and how we are to live. We come to know him through reading his word.

**We can seek God through his creation:** There is a lot we can learn about God by studying his creation. For example: as we study the vastness and complexity of the universe, we come to realize that God’s power has no limits.

*Psalms 19:1-4 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.*

**We can seek God through the testimony of others**: God will show himself to us through other Christians.

Psalm 22:22 I will praise you to all my brothers; I will stand up before the congregation and testify of the wonderful things you have done.

When we talk with others, who have a close relationship with God, we can see how God has been working in their lives and the lives of others around them. As Christians we should be asking others for help and sharing our problems and concerns with them. And as Christians we should not be shy about giving our testimony and tell others how we have seen God working in our lives so they may believe.

**We can seek God through Prayer:** God reveals himself to us when we go to him in prayer and truly ask Him, with confidence, to show himself to us.

*Hebrews 4:16 “Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need”*

Seeking God is a conscious effort to constantly set our minds toward God in all that we do, to direct our minds and hearts toward him. When you pray, do more than just ask God for the things you want, ask Him what he desires (“Let thy will be done”)

**What are we seeking?**

The bible tells us to Seek God but what is it we are seeking? The easy answer is we should be seeking to know Him and by knowing him we will know how to act and what to do.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

**what does that mean? When we seeking and come to know God we will have a relationship with him which leads to eternal life**

It is like meeting a new friend. When you make a new friend don’t you look for things you have in common. What do they like and dislike? We should want to know everything about God, Afterall he is making life and death decisions for us.

We should want to know what makes him happy, what disappoints him. What is his plan for my life? How should I handle every situation that comes my way and do it in a way that pleases Him?

Do you have any doubts about God and/or the Bible? Doubts don’t make you a bad person. We all have them. Not seeking the truth is what hurts us, our faith and our relationship with God. So, if we have doubts, we should ask and seek God for answers.

When we have problems, we should seek Gods guidance

Prov. 3 :5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

**The Promise**

The great thing is that God promises that if you take the time and effort to truly seek Him then you will find Him and God never breaks a promise.

*Deuteronomy 4:29 'But if you seek the LORD your God,* ***you will find him*** *if you* ***seek him******with all your heart and with all your soul'****.*

Jesus said in *Luke 11:9-10 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives,* ***and the one who seeks finds****, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.*

*Psalm 9:10 And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have* ***not forsaken those who seek you****.*

*Jeremiah 29:13* ***You will seek me and find*** *me when you seek me with all your heart.*

*2 Chronicles 15:2: “The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.*

And when he is found, there is great reward. “*Whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him”* ([Hebrews 11:6](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%2011.6)). God himself is our greatest reward. And when we have him, we have everything.

**Obstacle to Seeking God**

The biggest obstacle to seeking the Lord is pride.

*Psalm 10:4 In his pride the wicked man does not seek Him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.*

The enemy does not want us to seek God and he will use his biggest weapon, our own Pride, against us to keep us from seeking God.

Pride will tell you that you don’t need God. That you can handle every situation on your own.

**🡪There is no room for God in your life when you make yourself lord over your own life.**

Now you may be saying “that’s not me. I know God is in Control.” There have been many times in my life, as a devoted Christian, where I am head deep in something going very wrong, when I realize that I have been holding back on seeking God’s help. I must be thinking “I just want to get through this myself.” Then when I become totally frustrated and about to give up then it comes to me to Ask God for help and He has never failed me. It is not always the answer I want but it is always the right answer.

That voice inside you telling you that you can handle it yourself is Pride (note: Pride is the enemy’s greatest tool and it is what got him cast out of heaven and Adam cast out of the garden)

Therefore, humility is essential to seeking the Lord.

*1 Peter 5:6, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time."*

Note the last part of that verse “In Due time.” God is not on our time and sometimes we need to wait up on the Lord – but that’s another lesson

Note: If you are seeking God but have not heard from Him then there may be obstacles in your life, like Pride, anger, a hard heart or lack of willingness to follow through, that are keeping God from responding. Ask God to reveal these obstacles and if you are sincere about wanting to know and willing to address them he will show you.

**Closing**

God sought us first when He created us – He created us so that we could know Him. After the fall we were separated from God but through Jesus He has sought to restore us to Himself. He has given us an invitation to come to know Him. Jesus told His disciples to ask, seek, and knock; in doing so they would receive God's blessings (Matthew 7:7). Jesus promised to continue to make Himself known to us through the Holy Spirit.

John 14:15-17 “If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever

It is clear that God desires a relationship with us by the very act of sending His son Jesus to Die on a cross to restore that relationship.

When you spend time seeking the Lord, He will reveal himself to you and answer your prayers. Hebrews 13:5 tells us that 'He will never leave nor forsake you' but when we begin to actively seek Him, we start to have a real relationship with Him. You will find that there is real joy, peace and love, like nothing else on earth, when you seek the Lord's presence in your life. The only way to experience his presence and his Peace is by seek Him.

*Isaiah 26:3 You (God) keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.*

God wants to be found! And if we seek Him with all our heart, we will find him. Don’t ever stop seeking Him. Seek Him every hour of every day!!!

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