

“Your Face, Lord, I Will Seek”

How to Seek the Face of God

I. We must believe

- a. Heb. 11:6 – *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*
- b. Must believe that God exists.
- c. Must believe that God wants a relationship with you.

II. We must separate ourselves from distractions

- a. Matthew 14:23 - *And when He (Jesus) had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray.*
- b. How do we spend our time? Everyone has 168 hours per week.
- c. We will always make time for things that we want to do.

III. We must prepare our heart

a. Humility

- i. James 4:6 – *God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble*
- ii. Humility is the absence of pride and ego
- iii. Life of Jesus
 1. Took on the nature of a servant
 2. Obedient to His Father
 3. Learned to Patiently wait on God’s timing

b. Pure Heart / Holy Life

- i. Matthew 5:8 – *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God*
- ii. Hebrews 12:14 – *Pursue . . . holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.*
- iii. A pure heart is one that has been cleaned through the refining fire of the Lord and His pruning in our lives.

c. Full Commitment to Seeking God

- i. Jeremiah 29:12-13 – *You will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all of your heart.*

- ii. Hebrews 11:6 - *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*
- iii. There must be a commitment, a determination, a persistence that says – *“No matter how long it takes or whatever I must do – I will not be denied from meeting with You face to face!”*

IV. We must pray and have fellowship with God

- a. Prayer is doorway into God’s presence – to seek His face and not His hands.
- b. This type of prayer requires us to LISTEN to Him more than we would speak.
- c. Prayer allows God’s light to make our conscience sensitive to His will and desires.
- d. This type of Prayer prepares us to do the will of God.

V. Continued Intimacy with God for direction and growth

- a. Hebrews 11:6 - SEEK is a Present Active Participle which means that the seeking is to be continuous and constant.
- b. Relationship similar to a marriage or a family -- must be constant and continuous interaction of parties.
- c. Example of Brother Lawrence - The Practice of the Presence of God
- d. Principle from Brother Lawrence - friendship with God is not changing what you do but changing your attitude toward what you do. Everything that you do now is to reflect your love and worship of God.