

Seeking the Face of God
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Introduction: What does it mean to seek God's face? (**Psalm 105:4**)

- A. This concept is absolutely fundamental to the Christian (**Hebrews 11:6**)
 - 1. The strength of our faith is directly tied to how diligently we are seeking God.
 - 2. How are we doing in this endeavor?
- B. Seeking God is **not**...
 - 1. ...An intellectual exercise for our own edification.
 - 2. ...A quest for an emotional high where we can "feel" God.
 - 3. ...Seeking God as we think Him to be, but seeking Him as He really is "May I seek Thee not as I think Thou art, but as what Thou knowest Thyself to be."

I. What does it take to seek God?

- A. Humility
 - 1. It is only in humility that we can hope to approach God (**Isaiah 66:2**)
 - 2. We must be able to put aside our pride and seek God where He may be found.
- B. Repentance
 - 1. Our sins must be removed if we are to seek God's face. (**2 Chronicles 7:14**)
 - 2. If we still have sin, God will hide His face from us. (**Psalm 27:9**)
- C. Commitment
 - 1. God will not reveal Himself to half-hearted efforts. (**Jeremiah 19:13**)
 - 2. This takes consistent, conscious effort.
 - 3. This is a *continual* process. (**Psalm 105:4**)

II. Seeking God is a daily pursuit

- A. Consider the words of the Psalmist:
 - 1. Seeking God in the morning (**Psalm 119:147**)
 - 2. Seeking God at night. (**Psalm 119:148; Isaiah 26:8-9**)
- B. There are specific actions connected with seeking God.
 - 1. Prayer
 - a. Communication, as in any relationship, is absolutely crucial in our relationship with God
 - b. We are commanded to be in a state of constant communication with God. (**1 Thessalonians 5:17**) Ex. Cell Phone
 - 2. Bible study
 - a. The primary way God has revealed Himself is in His word.
 - b. If we're hungering and thirsting for God, we will hunger and thirst for His word. (**Psalm 119:103**)
- C. Seeking God takes *time*.
 - 1. Our lives easily become busy and cluttered. Ex. Martha (**Luke 10:41**)
 - 2. We must be willing to cast aside lesser pursuits in order to *make time* to

seek God on a daily basis.

III. God is seeking seekers.

- A. As creations of God, seeking Him must be our highest aim.
 - 1. This is the very purpose for which God created us! (**Acts 17:24-28**)
- B. God *desires* us to seek Him!
 - 1. This should get our attention.
 - 2. God is *seeking* true worshipers. (**John 4:23**)
 - 3. God may help us to seek Him by giving us adversity. (**Hosea 5:15**)
- C. God has connected great promises and rewards for those who seek His face.
 - 1. His goodness is connected with these promises (**Lamentations 3:22-25**)
 - 2. God has promised us provision (**Rom 8:28**)
 - 3. Most importantly, God has promised us that *we will find Him* when we seek Him! (**Jeremiah 29:11-13**)

Conclusion: Are we seeking God's face?

- A. Look at the ways we're spending our time.
- B. This is a growing process.

Let us all strive to more diligently seek God every day in every aspect of our lives!