

(January) Seeking God Pt. 1 – Commands & Promises

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Reading

PSALM 63

*A psalm of David
in the desert of Judah*

1 You, God, are my God,
**earnestly I seek You; I thirst for
You, my whole being longs for
You,** in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.

2 I have seen You in the sanctuary
and beheld Your Power and Your
Glory.

3 Because **Your love is better
than life,** my lips will glorify You.

4 I will praise You as long as I live,
and in Your Name, I will lift up my
hands.

5 **I will be fully satisfied as with
the richest of foods;** with singing
lips my mouth will praise You.

6 **On my bed I remember You; I
think of You through the
watches of the night.**

7 Because You are my help, I sing
in the shadow of Your Wings.

8 **I cling to You;** Your Right Hand
upholds me.

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CONTEXT	INSTRUCTION / CONDITION	PROMISE	Scriptures
VARIOUS	NA	Psalm 9:10 > For You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You	
	Psalm 34:10 > but those who seek the Lord	...lack no good thing	
REGARDING EXILE FOR IDOLATRY <i>Warnings, judgment & redemption</i>	Deuteronomy 4:29 > But if from there you seek the Lord your God if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul	...you will find Him	
	Psalm 24:5-6 > Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your Face	...they will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior	
	Isaiah 65:10 > ...who seek Me	Sharon will become a pasture for flocks, and the Valley of Achor a resting place for herds for My People	
	Jeremiah 29:13 > You will seek Me ...when you seek Me with all your heart	...and find Me	
	NA	Lamentations 3:25 > The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him	
	Amos 5:4 > This is what the LORD says to Israel: Seek Me	...and live	
	Zephaniah 2:3 > Seek the Lord, you humble of the land, you who do what He commands	NA	
WORRY	Matthew 6:33 Luke 12:31 > But seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness	...and all these things will be given to you as well	
ASKING	Matthew 7:7/8 Luke 11:9 > Seek	...you will find	
FAITH	Hebrews 11:6 > Anyone who comes to Him must believe	...that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him	

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Discussion

1. Seeking & Finding God

2. Lacking No Good Thing

3. All These Things

4. His Rewards

(January) Seeking God Pt. 2 – He Seeks Who Seeks Him

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2 Chronicles 26

Uzziah King of Judah

1 Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in place of his father Amaziah. **2** He was the one who rebuilt Elath and restored it to Judah after Amaziah rested with his ancestors. **3** Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-two years. His mother's name was Jekoliah; she was from Jerusalem. **4 He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord**, just as his father Amaziah had done. **5 He sought God during the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God. As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success.**

2 Chronicles 31

Hezekiah King of Judah

1 When all this had ended, the Israelites who were there went out to the towns of Judah, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. They destroyed the high places and the altars throughout Judah and Benjamin and in Ephraim and Manasseh. After they had destroyed all of them, the Israelites returned to their own towns and to their own property.

20 This is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah, **doing what was good and right and faithful before the Lord his God.** **21** In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, **he sought his God** and worked wholeheartedly. **And so, he prospered.**

Reading

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2 Chronicles 16:9

For **the eyes of the Lord roam throughout the earth**, so that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.

Psalms 14:2 & 53:2

God looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, **any who seek God.**

Ezekiel 22:30

"I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one."

John 4:23

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; **for the Father is seeking such** to worship Him.

Acts 17: 26-28

From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. **God did this so that they would seek Him** and perhaps **reach out for Him and find Him**, though He is not far from any one of us. 'For in Him we live and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are His offspring.

Scriptures

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Discussion

1. Right in The Lord's Eyes
2. God Is Seeking
3. Appointed Times & Boundaries

(January) Seeking God Pt. 3 – Because He Seeks Us

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LUKE 19

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Reading

1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short, he could not see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. 5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now, I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." 9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."



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Scriptures

Genesis 3:8-9

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day. Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?'

Ezekiel 34:11

For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.

Isaiah 65:1

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name.

John 6:44

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 15:16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.



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Discussion

1. Seeking Us

2. Choosing Us

3. Ready To Be Found

(January) Seeking God Pt. 4 – Forgiveness & Redemption

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2 CHRONICLES 15

Asa's Reform

1 The Spirit of God came on Azariah son of Oded. 2 He went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. 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.** 3 For a long time Israel was without the true God, without a priest to teach and without the law. 4 **But in their distress, they turned to the Lord, the God of Israel, and sought him, and he was found by them. [...]** 8 When Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Azariah son of Oded the prophet, he took courage. He removed the detestable idols from the whole land of Judah and Benjamin and from the towns he had captured in the hills of Ephraim. He repaired the altar of the Lord that was in front of the portico of the Lord's temple.

9 Then he assembled all Judah and Benjamin and the people from Ephraim, Manasseh and Simeon who had settled among them[....]

10 They assembled at Jerusalem in the third month of the fifteenth year of Asa's reign. 11 At that time they sacrificed to the Lord seven hundred head of cattle and seven thousand sheep and goats from the plunder they had brought back. 12 **They entered into a covenant to seek the Lord, the God of their ancestors, with all their heart and soul.** 13 All who would not seek the Lord, the God of Israel, were to be put to death, whether small or great, man or woman. 14 They took an oath to the Lord with loud acclamation, with shouting and with trumpets and horns. 15 **All Judah rejoiced about the oath because they had sworn it wholeheartedly. They sought God eagerly, and he was found by them. So the Lord gave them rest on every side.**

16 King Asa also deposed his grandmother Maakah from her position as queen mother, because she had made a repulsive image for the worship of Asherah. Asa cut it down, broke it up and burned it in the Kidron Valley. [...]

19 There was no more war until the 35th year of Asa's reign.

Reading

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INSTRUCTION

2 Chronicles 7:14 > If My people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My Face and turn from their wicked ways

Hosea 5:15 > I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

Isaiah 55:6-7 > Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways, and the unrighteous their thoughts, let them turn to the LORD,

Jeremiah 5:1 > If you can find but one person who deals honestly and seeks the truth

Jeremiah 29:14 > You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

PROMISE

...then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land

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and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon

I will forgive this city

I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity.

Scriptures

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Discussion

1. Forsaking Him

2. Seeking Him in Distress

3. A Covenant To Seek Him

4. Eager Seeking & Rest