

Sermon Notes – 02.23.2023 – Constancy in Seeking the Lord

Luke 11:9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

God Also Seeks Us

1 Samuel 13:14 "... The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart..."

1 Chronicles 28:9 "... the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts."

Psalms 53:2 God has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men To see if there is anyone who understands, Who seeks after God.

2 Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His. ..." "

Revelation 3:20 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

Seeking the Presence of the Lord [David was a Man After God's Own Heart]

2 Samuel 21:1 Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David sought the presence of the LORD.

The Spirit of Truth lives in Me – What Do I Seek?

Luke 12:29-31 "And do not seek what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not keep worrying. 30 "For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things. 31 "But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

Colossians 3:1-3 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Luke 13:24 "Strive to enter through the narrow door;..."

Living as a Child of God

Ephesians 5:1-2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; 2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

There Will Be Dry Times – Times When we are Constant, but Waiting [Tarrying, Praying Through]

Psalms 27:13-14 *I would have despaired* unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living. 14 Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD.

Constancy – Seeking the Lord as a Lifestyle Choice

David's Song of Thanks

1 Chronicles 16:8-11 Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples. **9** Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders. **10** Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad. **11** Seek the LORD and His strength; **Seek His face continually.**

2 Chronicles 15:1-2 Now the Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded, **2** and 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.** And if you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

At Your Lowest Point, Still, "Set Your Heart to Seek the Lord

2 Chronicles 19:2-3 Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him and said to King Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD and so *bring* wrath on yourself from the LORD? **3** "But **there is some good in you,** for you have removed the Asheroth from the land and **you have set your heart to seek God."**

2 Chronicles 31:20-21 Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah; and he did what *was* good, right and true **before the LORD his God.** **21** Every work which he began in the service of the house of God in law and in commandment, **seeking his God, he did with all his heart and prospered.**

Growth in Constancy

2 Chronicles 34:1-3 Josiah *was* eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. **2** **He did right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of his father David and did not turn aside to the right or to the left.** **3** For in the eighth year of his reign while he was still a youth, **he began to seek the God of his father David;** and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, the carved images and the molten images.

Psalms 119:9-11 **Beth.** How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping *it* according to Your word. **10** **With all my heart I have sought You;** Do not let me wander from Your commandments. **11** Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

Lamentations 3:25-26 The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, **To the person who seeks Him.** **26** *It is* good that he waits silently For the salvation of the LORD. [abstain from complaining while waiting]

Always Seeking, Finding, Ready

Matthew 13:45-46 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, **46** and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.