Sermon Notes – 02.16.2025 – Seeking God

Seeking for More of the Holy Spirit

Luke 11:9-13 "**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**. 10 "For everyone who asks, receives; and **he who seeks, finds**; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. 11 "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? 12 "Or *if* he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? 13 **"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"**

Much of What the Old Testament Says About Seeking Was – Seeking the Presence of God

Exodus 33:7 **Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, a good distance from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting which was outside the camp.** 8 And it came about, whenever Moses went out to the tent, that all the people would arise and stand, each at the entrance of his tent, and gaze after Moses until he entered the tent. 9 Whenever Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent; and the LORD would speak with Moses. 10 **When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would arise and worship, each at the entrance of his tent**. 11 Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. **When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.**

> **Ezekiel 37:26-27** "I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever. 27 "My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.
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> **Deuteronomy 5:29** **'Oh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, that it may be well with them and with their sons forever**!

Seeking the Presence and Walking in Relational Obedience with the Lord Stand Very Close Together

1 Chronicles 28:9 "As for you, my son Solomon, **know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind**; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. **If you seek Him, He will let you find Him;** but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.

- If You Seek Him, **He Will Let** You Find Him
  - **2 Chronicles 15:4** "But in their distress they turned to the LORD God of Israel, and they sought Him, and He let them find Him.

With all that the Scriptures say about seeking God, "seeking", should not be a vague concept

Matthew 6:33 "**But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness**, and all these things will be added to you.

Seeking is Taking Action

Perhaps in a Special Place The Tent of Meeting and the Prayer Closet

Matthew 6:6 "But you, when you pray, **go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.**

Perhaps in Fasting

2 Chronicles 20:3-4 Jehoshaphat was afraid and **turned his attention to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah**. 4 So **Judah gathered together to seek help from the LORD**; they even came from all the cities of Judah to seek the LORD.

Most Definitely in Loving, Careful Obedience

Psalms 119:1-4 **Aleph.** How blessed are those whose way is blameless, Who walk in the law of the LORD. 2 How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, **Who seek Him with all *their* heart**. 3 They also do no unrighteousness; **They walk in His ways**. 4 You have ordained Your precepts, **That we should keep *them* diligently.**

Respond Quickly to the Invitation of God

Psalms 27:7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice, And be gracious to me and answer me. 8 ***When You said,* "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, O LORD, I shall seek."** 9 Do not hide Your face from me, Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not abandon me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Asking for, Seeking for the Relationship and Presence of God is Answered Here – The Holy Spirit Given

John 14:15-18 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. 16 "**I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;** 17 ***that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.** 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

- **"You know Him because He abides with you and will be in you."**

How does God respond?

2 Chronicles 7:14 and **My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for **he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God**. 6 And 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 seek Him**.