

ARE YOU SEEKING GOD ?

* The Old Testament and New Testament words for “seek” mean: to seek the face of God; to **desire** ; to examine or explore ; to seek earnestly ; to diligently search for ; to wish for ; to **crave** ; to investigate ; to pursue.

* Only God can touch our hearts and give us the desire to seek and to know Him, and to want His will & plans & ways above our own:

“ I will give them a heart to **know me.**” – **Jeremiah 24:7**

“ O Lord, God of our fathers, keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you. And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, requirements, and decrees...” – **I Chronicles 29:18-19**

“For it is God who works in you to will and act according to His good purpose.” – **Phil. 2:13**

* Intimacy with God and the fullest possible **fellowship** and **partnership** with Him comes as you **desire** and **seek** to know Him & His plans and will and His ways. Prayer and spending time with God is all about **desire & passion for God** ; it is not a “religious” discipline in your Christian walk.

“If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways, so I may know you and continue to find favor with you... Show me your glory.” – Moses (**Exodus 33:13,18**)

“ One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek; that I may dwell in the house (presence) of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in his temple.” – David (**Psalms 27:4**)

“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God ? – Sons of Korah (**Psalms 42:1-2**)

“ O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory... you love is better than life...” – David (**Psalms 63:1-3**)

“ How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty ! My soul yearns even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.” – David (**Psalms 84:1-2**)

“ Now devote your heart and souls to seeking the Lord your God.” – **I Chronicles 22:19**

“ And you my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek Him he will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.” – **I Chronicles 28:9**

“ For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. – **Jer. 29:11-13**

“ I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. O consider them rubbish that I may gain Christ... I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection...” – Paul (**Philippians 3:8-11**)

Hosea 10: 12 , James 4:8 , Deut. 4:29 , 2 Chronicles 15:2 , Matthew 6:33 , Proverbs 21:21