

# Seeking God

**Purpose :** Seeking God is a study to clarify what it takes to pursue a relationship with God.

*(Mat 7:7 NIV) "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.*

*(Mat 7:13 NIV) "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.*

*(Mat 7:14 NIV) But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.*

One of the great promises of the Bible: everyone who seeks finds! Plus, one of the great warnings in the bible: only a few will find. If only a few find God, then how many actually seek Him?

*(Luke 13:22 NIV) Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem.*

*(Luke 13:23 NIV) Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them,*

*(Luke 13:24 NIV) "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.*

*(Luke 13:25 NIV) Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'*

*(Luke 13:26 NIV) "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'*

*(Luke 13:27 NIV) "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'*

*(Luke 13:28 NIV) "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out.*

*(Luke 13:29 NIV) People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.*

*(Luke 13:30 NIV) Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."*

Yes, only a few will be saved; therefore, make every effort to seek. Those who simply 'try' will be caught off guard by their rejection from the kingdom of God. How can you make every effort to seek Him?

*(Mat 6:25 NIV) "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?*

*(Mat 6:26 NIV) Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?*

*(Mat 6:27 NIV) Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life ?*

*(Mat 6:28 NIV) "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.*

*(Mat 6:29 NIV) Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <br*

*(Mat 6:31 NIV) So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'*

*(Mat 6:32 NIV) For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.*

*(Mat 6:33 NIV) But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.</br*

What are some worries or needs of life that can distract you from seeking God as your first priority? What changes must you make in order to make God's kingdom and righteousness your top priority?

*(Heb 11:6 NIV) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

God rewards those who earnestly seek him.

*(Mat 13:44 NIV) "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.*

*(Mat 13:45 NIV) "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.*

*(Mat 13:46 NIV) When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.*

Here is an example of someone who was willing to sacrifice everything he had to lay hold of the treasure of great value he found.

*(Acts 8:26 NIV) Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road--the desert road--that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."*

*(Acts 8:27 NIV) So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship,*

*(Acts 8:28 NIV) and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet.*

*(Acts 8:29 NIV) The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."*

*(Acts 8:30 NIV) Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.*

*(Acts 8:31 NIV) "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.*

*(Acts 8:32 NIV) The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth.*

*(Acts 8:33 NIV) In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth."*

*(Acts 8:34 NIV) The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?"*

*(Acts 8:35 NIV) Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.*

*(Acts 8:36 NIV) As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?"*

*(Acts 8:37 NIV)*

*(Acts 8:38 NIV) And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.*

*(Acts 8:39 NIV) When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.*

Here's an example of a seeker who humbly puts God first, thus finding Him and finding great joy. Take note that the Ethiopian Eunuch was: a busy man, a man who needed another man's help to seek God, a man who used the Bible as his guide to find God.

**Additional Helpful Scriptures:**

Acts 17:10-11  
Jeremiah 29:10-13  
Deuteronomy 4:28-31  
Acts 17:22-27  
II Chronicles 15:1-4  
Ecclesiastes 12:1,13-14  
Isaiah 55:6  
2 Chronicles 7:14  
Luke 19:1-10