

# Seek God

## Do not seek for self or people pleasing

Proverbs 18:1 A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.

Proverbs 25:27 It is not good to eat much honey; So to seek one's own glory is not glory.

Jeremiah 45:5 And do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for behold, I will bring adversity on all flesh," says the LORD. "But I will give your life to you as a prize in all places, wherever you go.""

Jeremiah 49:37 For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies And before those who seek their life. I will bring disaster upon them, My fierce anger,' says the LORD; 'And I will send the sword after them Until I have consumed them.

Luke 12:29 "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind.

John 5:44 How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?

John 7:18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.

Romans 2:8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath,

Romans 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

1 Corinthians 10:24 Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

1 Corinthians 10:33 just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

1 Corinthians 13:5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

Galatians 1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

Deuteronomy 23:6 You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days forever.

Proverbs 17:19 He who loves transgression loves strife, And he who exalts his gate seeks destruction.

Proverbs 29:26 Many seek the ruler's favor, But justice for man comes from the LORD.

Philippians 2:21 For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

## **Seek letting go of own life and corruption**

Luke 17:33 Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

John 5:30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

John 8:50 And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges.

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

2 Chronicles 19:3 Nevertheless good things are found in you, in that you have removed the wooden images from the land, and have prepared your heart to seek God.”

2 Chronicles 34:3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, 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 wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images.

Ezra 6:21 Then the children of Israel who had returned from the captivity ate together with all who had separated themselves from the filth of the nations of the land in order to seek the LORD God of Israel.

Ezra 8:21 Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from Him the right way for us and our little ones and all our possessions.

Psalms 34:14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

Psalms 83:16 Fill their faces with shame, That they may seek Your name, O LORD.

## **Those who seek**

Proverbs 28:5 Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the LORD understand all.

## **Seek wisdom**

Ecclesiastes 7:25 I applied my heart to know, To search and seek out wisdom and the reason of things, To know the wickedness of folly, Even of foolishness and madness.

## **Seek justice**

Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow.

## **Using our all**

Jeremiah 29:13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Deuteronomy 4:29 But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

1 Chronicles 28:8 Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, be careful to seek out all the commandments of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you forever. "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

2 Chronicles 15:12 Then they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;

2 Chronicles 31:21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart. So he prospered.

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.

Job 8:5 If you would earnestly seek God And make your supplication to the Almighty,

Psalms 71:24 My tongue also shall talk of Your righteousness all the day long; For they are confounded, For they are brought to shame Who seek my hurt.

Psalms 119:2 Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart!

Proverbs 8:17 I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me.

Proverbs 11:27 He who earnestly seeks good finds favor, But trouble will come to him who seeks evil.

Isaiah 58:2 Yet they seek Me daily, And delight to know My ways, As a nation that did righteousness, And did not forsake the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me the ordinances of justice; They take delight in approaching God.

## **Seek God, good, righteousness**

Lamentations 3:25 The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him.

Amos 5:14 Seek good and not evil, That you may live; So the LORD God of hosts will be with you, As you have spoken.

Zephaniah 2:3 Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth, Who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden In the day of the LORD's anger.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Luke 12:31 But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

1 Corinthians 14:12 Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.

Colossians 3:1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

1 Chronicles 16:10 Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

1 Chronicles 16:11 Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!

1 Chronicles 22:19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God. Therefore arise and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the holy articles of God into the house that is to be built for the name of the LORD."

2 Chronicles 14:4 He commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to observe the law and the commandment.

Job 5:8 "But as for me, I would seek God, And to God I would commit my cause—

Psalm 27:4 One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

Psalm 27:8 When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."

Psalm 105:4 Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!

Psalm 122:9 Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.

Proverbs 17:9 He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends.

Isaiah 26:9 With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Isaiah 51:1 “Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, You who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, And to the hole of the pit from which you were dug.

Isaiah 55:6 Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.

Amos 5:4 For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel: “Seek Me and live;

Amos 5:6 Seek the LORD and live, Lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph, And devour it, With no one to quench it in Bethel—

John 6:26 Jesus answered them and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

## **Those who don't seek God**

Hosea 7:10 And the pride of Israel testifies to his face, But they do not return to the LORD their God, Nor seek Him for all this.

2 Chronicles 12:14 And he did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek the LORD.

2 Chronicles 15:13 and whoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel was to be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

2 Chronicles 16:12 And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but the physicians.

Psalm 4:2 How long, O you sons of men, Will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness And seek falsehood? Selah

Psalm 10:4 The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts.

Psalm 37:32 The wicked watches the righteous, And seeks to slay him.

Psalm 40:14 Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who seek to destroy my life; Let them be driven backward and brought to dishonor Who wish me evil.

Psalm 69:6 Let not those who wait for You, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed because of me; Let not those who seek You be confounded because of me, O God of Israel.

Psalm 119:123 My eyes fail from seeking Your salvation And Your righteous word.

Psalm 119:155 Salvation is far from the wicked, For they do not seek Your statutes.

Psalm 119:176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; Seek Your servant, For I do not forget Your commandments.

Proverbs 21:6 Getting treasures by a lying tongue Is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death.

Isaiah 31:1 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, And rely on horses, Who trust in chariots because they are many, And in horsemen because they are very strong, But who do not look to the Holy One of Israel, Nor seek the LORD!

## **Those who seek God**

2 Chronicles 11:16 And after the Levites left, those from all the tribes of Israel, such as set their heart to seek the LORD God of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the LORD God of their fathers.

2 Chronicles 15:2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

2 Chronicles 20:3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

2 Chronicles 20:4 So Judah gathered together to ask help from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

2 Chronicles 30:19 who prepares his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he is not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.”

Ezra 4:2 they came to Zerubbabel and the heads of the fathers’ houses, and said to them, “Let us build with you, for we seek your God as you do; and we have sacrificed to Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us here.”

Ezra 8:22 For I was ashamed to request of the king an escort of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy on the road, because we had spoken to the king, saying, “The hand of our God is upon all those for good who seek Him, but His power and His wrath are against all those who forsake Him.”

Psalm 9:10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Psalm 22:26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever!

Psalm 24:6 This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah

Psalm 34:10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing.

Psalm 40:16 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, “The LORD be magnified!”

Psalm 63:1 O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.

Psalm 69:32 The humble shall see this and be glad; And you who seek God, your hearts shall live.

Psalm 70:4 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love Your salvation say continually, “Let God be magnified!”

Psalm 105:3 Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

Psalm 119:45 And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts.



Jeremiah 26:19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah ever put him to death? Did he not fear the LORD and seek the LORD's favor? And the LORD relented concerning the doom which He had pronounced against them. But we are doing great evil against ourselves."

## **Seek Knowledge**

Proverbs 18:15 The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

## **Returning to God**

Hosea 3:5 Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.

Hosea 5:6 "With their flocks and herds They shall go to seek the LORD, But they will not find Him; He has withdrawn Himself from them.

Hosea 5:15 I will return again to My place Till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me."

Hosea 10:12 Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.

## **Misc.**

Leviticus 19:31 'Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.

Ezra 9:12 Now therefore, do not give your daughters as wives for their sons, nor take their daughters to your sons; and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land, and leave it as an inheritance to your children forever.'

Job 20:10 His children will seek the favor of the poor, And his hands will restore his wealth.

Psalm 10:15 Break the arm of the wicked and the evil man; Seek out his wickedness until You find none.

Psalm 14:2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

Psalm 45:12 And the daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; The rich among the people will seek your favor.

Psalm 53:2 God looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

Psalm 63:9 But those who seek my life, to destroy it, Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

Psalm 70:2 Let them be ashamed and confounded Who seek my life; Let them be turned back and confused Who desire my hurt.

Psalm 71:13 Let them be confounded and consumed Who are adversaries of my life; Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor Who seek my hurt.

Proverbs 14:6 A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not find it, But knowledge is easy to him who understands.

Proverbs 15:14 The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

Proverbs 17:11 An evil man seeks only rebellion; Therefore a cruel messenger will be sent against him.

Proverbs 29:10 The bloodthirsty hate the blameless, But the upright seek his well-being.

Zechariah 8:21-22 The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, "Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, And seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also." Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, And to pray before the LORD.'

Malachi 2:7 "For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, And people should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

Matthew 7:7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Luke 11:10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Matthew 12:39 But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

Matthew 16:4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.” And He left them and departed.

Luke 19:10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

John 7:34 You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come.”

Acts 17:27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

Galatians 2:17 “But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!

### Luke 13

<sup>22</sup> And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup> Then one said to Him, “Lord, are there few who are saved?”

And He said to them, <sup>24</sup> “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup> When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open for us,’ and He will answer and say to you, ‘I do not know you, where you are from,’ <sup>26</sup> then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.’

<sup>27</sup> But He will say, ‘I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart

from Me, all you workers of iniquity.’<sup>28</sup> There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.<sup>29</sup> They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God.<sup>30</sup> And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last.”

## Ezekiel 34 New King James Version (NKJV)

### Irresponsible Shepherds

34 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,<sup>2</sup> “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: “Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?<sup>3</sup> You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the flock.<sup>4</sup> The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them.<sup>5</sup> So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered.

<sup>6</sup> My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching for them.”

<sup>7</sup> “Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>8</sup> “As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock”— <sup>9</sup> therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD!

<sup>10</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them.”

### God, the True Shepherd

<sup>11</sup> ‘For thus says the Lord GOD: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. <sup>13</sup> And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down,” says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> “I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment.”

<sup>17</sup> ‘And as for you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats. <sup>18</sup> Is it too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture—and to have drunk of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet? <sup>19</sup> And as for My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet.”

<sup>20</sup> ‘Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to them: “Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup> therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

<sup>25</sup> “I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. <sup>26</sup> I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing. <sup>27</sup> Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered

them from the hand of those who enslaved them. <sup>28</sup> And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make them afraid. <sup>29</sup> I will raise up for them a garden of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore. <sup>30</sup> Thus they shall know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and they, the house of Israel, are My people,” says the Lord GOD.’

<sup>31</sup> “You are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you are men, and I am your God,” says the Lord GOD.