

## SEEKING JESUS

Wouldn't you like to be able to seek Jesus and see Him in the flesh? I wish I could. I wish I could sit down with Him face to face and talk. That time is coming, but from what I understand it won't happen here on earth, but in heaven, but that does not mean I can't know Him well now.

In Psalm 105 the writer is seeking a closer relationship with God. In order to do so, there has to be some effort on the part of the seeker, but there are also great benefits for the efforts made.

Verse 1, "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;" How will we do that? Through **Prayer**. The psalm writer goes on and informs us of the best way those who have not known Christ will be able to see Him. He said, "Make known among the nations what he has done." In other words, be a living **Testimony**. Alexander Maclaren said, "What God has done is the best revelation of what God is." In verse two it says, "Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts." When we sing we **worship** and we testify about Jesus. In verses three and four it uses the words, "**Seek**," "Look," "Seek." A person does not just drift into a relationship with Jesus. It only happens to those who desire it and pursue it. Beginning with verse five the psalmist tells us how to remain in such a relationship. He said, "**Remember** the wonders he has done." You and I need to remember how Jesus said He would die for us and resurrect from the dead and He did. You and I need to remember how Jesus said He is preparing a place for us and how He will come back after us, and how He will.

Why do you think God does so much for you and me? The answer is really obvious. He loves you and me, and He desires for us to love Him. He wants an intimate relationship with you and me, but it takes two to tango.

If you want to develop a faith, instead of a religion, then it must be based on what you do with Jesus. The choice is yours as to whether or not you want to develop a faith that is based on His interaction with you, and your interaction with Him. What does His birth mean to you? What does His teaching mean to you? What does His death and resurrection mean to you? And what about His ascension back into heaven, and His promise to come again mean to you?

A lady asked the famous preacher, Billy Sunday, "Why do you keep having revivals when it doesn't last?" He asked her, "Why do you keep taking baths?" The same question could be asked as to why we continually preach that we need to focus on Jesus? Because we are human and we have a tendency to slack off, stray off course, forget our purpose and goal in life, and we need to refocus.

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