

“Whom Are You Seeking?”

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" (John 20:15 NKJV)

We live in a very indulgent culture. The first day of the Christmas shopping season is named “Black Friday” not because it is inherently evil, but because it is when many American merchants go from being in a deficit to making a profit. Their accounts go from being in the red to being in the black. Only now it has become a practice to begin shopping the day of Thanksgiving instead of the day after. Essentially the turkey has not been digested fully and grateful hearts have not finished giving thanks before we are encouraged to begin competing for the best prices to indulge ourselves even more!

In such a scenario, we must seriously consider where our hearts are because the bible clearly states that where your hearts are, there your treasure is also. The question that I would like to address to you as we begin our morning devotional time and open up the word of God, is the question that Jesus asked Mary at the empty tomb, “Whom are you seeking?”

Jesus publically admonished the Pharisees when He said *“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.” (John 5:39-40 NKJV)* In other words it is not merely head knowledge that we must seek, although that knowledge is necessary, but it is heart knowledge that gives us life.

A.W. Tozer put it this way *“The Bible is not an end in itself but a means to bring men to an intimate and satisfying knowledge of God, that they may enter into Him, that they may delight in His presence, may taste and know the inner sweetness of the very God Himself in the core and center of their hearts.”*

To hunger and thirst for righteousness is truly a blessed state for a believer to be in, because Jesus assures us that we will be satisfied. *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. (Matthew 5:6 NKJV)*

Charles Spurgeon aptly describes this pursuit in these words; *“To desire communion with God is a purifying thing. Oh to hunger and thirst more and more after a clear vision of the face of God; this will lead us to purge ourselves from all filthiness, and to walk with heavenly circumspection. He who longs to see his friend when he passes takes care to clear the mist from the window, lest by any means his friend should go by unobserved. Really awakened souls seek the Lord above everything, and as this is not the usual desire of mankind, they constitute a generation by themselves; a people despised of men but beloved of God.”¹*

Father God as we open Your Word this morning, may we allow Your Spirit to open our hearts to receive a clearer vision of You in the person of Jesus Christ. May we be among the blessed who hunger and thirst after righteousness because we will indeed be satisfied beyond any measure of material wealth that the world has to offer. Amen

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¹ Spurgeon, C. H. (2009). *The treasury of David: Psalms 1-26* (Vol. 1, p. 377). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.