



“Seek the Lord”

Communion Sunday

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Introduction

Would you say that your work of service for Christ is characterized by overflow or overwork?

1 "These are the statutes and the judgments which you shall carefully observe in the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess as long as you live on the earth. 2 **"You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess serve their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.** 3 "You shall tear down their altars and smash their [sacred] pillars and burn their Asherim with fire, and you shall cut down the engraved images of their gods and obliterate their name from that place. 4 "You shall not act like this toward the LORD your God. 5 **"But you shall seek [the LORD] at the place which the LORD your God will choose from all your tribes, to establish His name there for His dwelling, and there you shall come.** 6 "There you shall bring your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the contribution of your hand, your votive offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock. 7 "There also you and your households shall eat before the LORD your God, and rejoice in all your undertakings in which the LORD your God has blessed you. 8 **"You shall not do at all what we are doing here today, every man [doing] whatever is right in his own eyes;** [Deu 12:1-8 NASB95]

1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples. 2 Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders. 3 Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who **seek the LORD** be glad. 4 **Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face continually.** [Psa 105:1-4 NASB95]

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1. Seek the Lord with _____.

2. Seek the Lord's _____.

3. Seek His presence _____.

2. Search for Him with all your _____ and all your _____.

29 "But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find [Him] if you search for Him with **all your heart and all your soul.** [Deu 4:29 NASB95]

1. Seek Him at the opportune _____.

6 Seek the LORD **while He may be found;** Call upon Him **while He is near.** [Isa 55:6 NASB95]

2. Search for Him in the _____ and the _____ He designates.

- ✳ 19 "Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise, therefore, and build **the sanctuary** of the LORD God, so that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the holy vessels of God into the house that is to be built for the name of the LORD." [1Ch 22:19 NASB95]
- ✳ 12 They entered into **the covenant** to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and soul; [2Ch 15:12]

3. Seek the Lord until He rains _____ on you.

12 Sow with a view to righteousness, Reap in accordance with kindness; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD **Until He comes to rain righteousness on you.** [Hos 10:12 NASB95]

1. Seek the Lord to understand God's _____ and _____.

5 **Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the LORD understand all things.** [Pro 28:5 NASB95]

2. Seek the Lord with joyful _____.

- ✳ 1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples. 2 **Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders.** [Psa 105:1-2 NASB95]
- ✳ God delights to hear your voice in praise and thanksgiving. It is worship.

Conclusion

*"Straining, driving effort does not accomplish the work God gives a man to do; we must partake of Christ so fully that He more than fills the life. It will then be **not overwork but overflow.**"*

A true believer, therefore, will ask no better thing of the Lord than that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in his body (2 Cor. 4:11). For such a manifestation will, by a necessary principle, be the unfolding within him of every needed element of joy and sorrow, of suffering and triumph." - A.J.G.

"Every Christian will become at last what his desires have made him. We are all the sum total of our hungers. The great saints have all had thirsting hearts. Their cry has been, 'My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God....' Their longing after God all but consumed them; it propelled them onward and upward to heights toward which less ardent believers look with and entertain no hope of reaching."