# Seek The Lord

# 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. Deuteronomy 4:29

In my weekly sessions of Immanuel, I purposefully seek the Lord. While I try to practice His presence all the time, I count these sessions as sanctified time with Him where I present myself to Him with a Coach. It is like David's query, "Is there any wicked way in me?" and his request, "Lead me in the way everlasting."

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#### Seek The Lord

- 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 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 12:14 And he [Rehoboam] did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek the LORD.
- 2 Chronicles 14:4 He [Asa] commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to observe the law and the commandment.
- 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 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- Psalm 34:10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing.
- Psalm 105:3 Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!
- Psalm 105:4 Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!
- Proverbs 28:5 Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the LORD understand all.
- Isaiah 9:13 For the people do not turn to Him who strikes them, Nor do they seek the LORD of hosts.
- Isaiah 11:10 And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."
- 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**!
- 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.
- 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."
- Jeremiah 50:4 "In those days and in that time," says the LORD, "The children of Israel shall come, They and the children of Judah together; With continual weeping they shall come, And **seek the LORD their 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 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.
- 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—
- 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.

- Zechariah 8:21 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."
- Zechariah 8:22 Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, And to pray before the LORD.'
- Acts 15:17 So that the rest of mankind may **seek the LORD**, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the LORD who does all these things.'
- 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.

#### Seek God

- 2 Chronicles 19:3 Nevertheless good things are found in you, in that you [Jehoshaphat] have removed the wooden images from the land, and have **prepared your heart to seek God**.
- 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.
- Job 5:8 "But as for me, I would seek God, And to God I would commit my cause—
- Job 8:5-6 If you would **earnestly seek God** And make your supplication to the Almighty, If you were pure and upright, Surely now He would awake for you, And prosper your rightful dwelling place.
- Psalm 10:4 The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts.
- 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 53:2 God looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see **if there are any** who understand, **who seek God.**
- Psalm 69:32 The humble shall see this and be glad; And you who seek God, your hearts shall live.

#### Seek The Kingdom of God

- 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.

# People Sought God

- Exodus 33:7 Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass *that* everyone who <u>sought</u> the LORD went out to the tabernacle of meeting which *was* outside the camp.
- 2 Chronicles 14:7 Therefore he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities and make walls around *them*, and towers, gates, and bars, *while* the land *is* yet before us, because we have <u>sought</u> the LORD our God; we have <u>sought</u> *Him*, and He has given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered.
- 2 Chronicles 15:4 But when in their trouble they turned to the LORD God of Israel, and <u>sought</u> Him, He was found by them.
- 2 Chronicles 15:15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and <u>sought</u> Him with all their soul; and He was found by them, and the LORD gave them rest all around.
- 2 Chronicles 17:4 But [Jehoshaphat] <u>sought</u> the God of his father, and walked in His commandments and not according to the acts of Israel.
- 2 Chronicles 22:9 Then he searched for Ahaziah; and they caught him (he was hiding in Samaria), and brought him to Jehu. When they had killed him, they buried him, "because," they said, "he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart." So the house of Ahaziah had no one to assume power over the kingdom.
- 2 Chronicles 26:5 He <u>sought</u> God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he <u>sought</u> the LORD, God made him prosper.
- Psalm 34:4 I sought the LORD, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.
- Psalm 77:2 In the day of my trouble I <u>sought</u> the Lord; My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing; My soul refused to be comforted.
- Psalm 78:34 When He slew them, then they <u>sought</u> Him; And they returned and <u>sought</u> earnestly for God.
- Psalm 119:10 With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!
- Song of Songs 3:1 THE SHULAMITE By night on my bed I <u>sought</u> the one I love; I <u>sought</u> him, but I did not find him.
- Song of Songs 3:2 "I will rise now," *I said*, "And go about the city; In the streets and in the squares I will seek the one I love." I <u>sought</u> him, but I did not find him.
- Song of Songs 5:6 I opened for my beloved, But my beloved had turned away *and* was gone. My heart leaped up when he spoke. I <u>sought</u> him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.
- Isaiah 65:1 "I was <u>sought</u> by *those who* did not ask *for Me*; I was found by *those who* did not seek Me. I said, 'Here I am,' To a nation *that* was not called by My name.
- Isaiah 65:10 Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, And the Valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down, For My people who have sought Me.

- Jeremiah 10:21 For the shepherds have become dull–hearted, And have not <u>sought</u> the LORD; Therefore they shall not prosper, And all their flocks shall be scattered.
- Hosea 12:4 Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed; He wept, and sought favor from Him. He found Him *in* Bethel, And there He spoke to us—
- Zephaniah 1:6 Those who have turned back from *following* the LORD, And have not <u>sought</u> the LORD, nor inquired of Him."

### God Sought His People

- 1 Samuel 13:14 "But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has <u>sought</u> for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him *to be* commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."
- Isaiah 62:12 And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; And you shall be called <u>Sought</u> Out, A City Not Forsaken.
- Ezekiel 22:30 "So I <u>sought</u> for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.

## They Sought To Kill Jesus

- Matthew 2:20 saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who <u>sought</u> the young Child's life are dead."
- Matthew 21:46 But when they <u>sought</u> to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.
- Matthew 26:16 So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.
- Matthew 26:59 Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council <u>sought</u> false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death,
- Mark 11:18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it and <u>sought</u> how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching.
- Mark 12:12 And they <u>sought</u> to lay hands on Him, but feared the multitude, for they knew He had spoken the parable against them. So they left Him and went away.
- Mark 14:1 After two days it was the Passover and *the Feast* of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes <u>sought</u> how they might take Him by trickery and put *Him* to death.
- Mark 14:11 And when they heard *it*, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he <u>sought</u> how he might conveniently betray Him.
- Mark 14:55 Now the chief priests and all the council <u>sought</u> testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none.

- Luke 19:47 And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people <u>sought</u> to destroy Him,
- Luke 20:19 And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour <u>sought</u> to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people—for they knew He had spoken this parable against them.
- Luke 22:2 And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people.
- Luke 22:6 So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude.
- John 5:16 For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and <u>sought</u> to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.
- John 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.
- John 7:1 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him.
- John 7:30 Therefore they <u>sought</u> to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.
- John 10:39 Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand.
- John 11:8 *The* disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews <u>sought</u> to stone You, and are You going there again?"

# They Sought To Know Jesus

- Luke 2:44 but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances.
- Luke 2:48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."
- Luke 4:42 Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd <u>sought</u> Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them;
- Luke 6:19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.
- Luke 9:9 Herod said, "John I have beheaded, but who is this of whom I hear such things?" So he <u>sought</u> to see Him.
- Luke 11:16 Others, testing *Him*, sought from Him a sign from heaven.
- Luke 19:3 And he <u>sought</u> to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.
- John 7:11 Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?"

- John 11:56 Then they <u>sought</u> Jesus, and spoke among themselves as they stood in the temple, "What do you think—that He will not come to the feast?"
- John 19:12 From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."

Acts 13:7 who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

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