

Part 2 – Seek the Lord Evermore

In chapter one-hundred-five, part 1, we learned this Psalm was written (along with Psalms 24, 25, 68 and 87) to record parts of the ‘great event’ when David was king, i.e. when the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Zion (in Jerusalem). And ‘the part’ of this ‘great event’ this Psalm (105) records is the *subsequent celebrations of the events* - which clearly involved a *great* history lesson for Israel, for that’s what most of this Psalm is. And let’s also remember that, this Psalm 105, has the subject/title of “***The Coming Kingdom, As Based on the Past***”. So again, we’re going to be given a history lesson, because history repeats itself (Ecc 1:9) and thus, history helps to explain what is coming, i.e. the eternal Kingdom of God, which is the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. So, the Psalmist began this Psalm by calling ‘the people’ (at the gathering) to: (1) thank the Lord, (2) call upon His name and to (3) make known His deeds among the people. And these three things, truly, are what we should *still* do today. For thanking the Lord (YHVH) is a vital part of worshipping Him; plus, it also is *good for us*, because it helps us to remember all that He has done, which proves how faithful He is to keep His Word to us. And the Psalmist also called the people to ‘call upon the name of the Lord’, which means to ‘call upon’ our Heavenly Father (YHVH) in prayer *and* sincerely seek Him through studying His Word (and sincerely trying to obey it) – instead of traditions of man, or other lies that give us false hope. And then, the Psalmist also called the people (which is, again, *still* a call that applies to us today) to *make known his deeds among the people*, which means *helping others to know Him* (i.e. His Word). And that also means *helping them see* that our Heavenly Father is the one *and only true* (Almighty and Supreme) God, *because* He’s our Creator. And it’s also helping others to understand His holiness (righteousness) because He *is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works* (Ps 145:17). So, you could even say that ‘making known His deeds among the people’ is sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And then, the Psalmist also called the people (us today too) to *celebrate* in the Lord’s (YHVH’s) Holy (holy and righteous) name (honor, authority and character). So, instead of glorying in our own ‘self’, or in others, or even in things like ‘science’ or ‘technology’, we *should* glory in (celebrate) *our Creator because He made all things; and* He’s given us the *perfect* system of laws, which *benefit us* more than *any other* law system, if we’d only obey it (Deut 10:13). And then, the Psalmist also called the people (including us today, too) to ‘*let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD*’. And those who sincerely ‘seek’ the Lord (YHVH) (which is done by studying His Word, sincerely and consistently, Isa 34:16; 2 Tim 2:15; Mth 6:33; Heb 4:12, etc.) will rejoice (be blithe and gleesome) *because* they will sincerely repent for their sins and strive hard to obey God’s Word (and His Laws). And doing so is the *only thing* that brings *true* peace of mind *because*, sincerely seeking the Lord (YHVH) (and obeying Him, from the heart, the best you sincerely can) is what brings the Holy Spirit into our inner man, and *comforts* our heart (and mind) *no matter what happens in life* (John 14:15-18; Phil 4:7). And this thought (seeking the Lord, YHVH) is what we pick up with in this beautiful Psalm...

Psalm 105

*4 Seek the LORD, **and** his strength: seek his face evermore.*

So, the word ‘seek’ here means *tread* or *frequent*, i.e. *to follow* (for *pursuit* or *search*); and, by implication, it also means *to seek* or *ask*; and, specifically, it means *to worship* (#1875). And the word ‘Lord’ is, of course, God’s sacred (and covenantal) name, *Yehovah*, which means *self-existent* and *eternal* (#3068) because Yehovah is the *only one* who is self-existent and eternal! So, the Psalmist calls the people (us today, too) to seek the Lord (YHVH), which can be done in several ways: not only in worship, but also in prayer. Yet also, we are to search (pursue) Him... but how do we do that? It’s quite simple, for us today, for we’re blessed to have His written Word (the Bible) and the *Strong’s Concordance* that allows us to look up the Words of God and see what they mean in the original languages they were written in (Hebrew, Greek and even some Aramaic). Therefore, if we really are serious about seeking the Lord (YHVH) we **will** study His Word sincerely, diligently *and* consistently. As Isa 34:17 says: ***Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read.*** And 2 Tim 2:15-16 says: ***Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.***

And Jesus further explained *why* it’s **so** important to seek the Lord (YHVH), through studying His written Word, when He explained how we should spiritually digest His Words **if** we want eternal life: ***It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life*** (John 6:63). Jesus pointed out that ‘flesh’ profits us nothing. Only God’s Word profits us *because* His Word is ‘spirit’ (spiritual) and thus, His Word is what gives life to our spirit (heart and mind). In other words, **the Word of God relays God’s heart and mind, to our heart and mind**. And that’s what we *really* need; that’s our *spiritual* ‘food’ we need each day in order to be strong and healthy, both spiritually and physically. For, God’s Word not only tells us how to take care of our flesh body, and get along with others; it also teaches us *how to control* our feelings, thoughts and desires *so they don’t control us*, which is what causes us to sin. As Paul so well explained: *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For **to be carnally minded is death**; but **to be spiritually minded is life and peace*** (Rom 8:5-6). To be carnally minded means, we live our life for the fleshly pleasures (lusts, greed, pride, feelings, etc.). But, in contrast, being spiritually minded means we live our life to please the Lord (YHVH), i.e. we’re concerned about what **He** wants (His will) instead of what **we** (or others) want in life (i.e. our will) (1 Peter 4:2).

And that means we cannot truly seek the Lord (YHVH) in fleshly ways, i.e. through outward forms of worship. While, there’s nothing intrinsically wrong with many forms of outward worship (like singing to Him, lifting up your hands, or keeling in prayer, etc.), the truth is that

none of that matters to our Heavenly Father if our ‘heart isn’t in it’. Psalms, chapter 50 [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/589], made this point incredibly clear. And, in the great book of Isaiah, our Heavenly Father was also quite candid when He said: *Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men* (Isa 29:13). So, even clear back in the days of Isaiah people were pretending to worship God... and He finds that *very* offensive, understandably! Would you like it if your loved one only pretended to love you... simply so they could get something from you? Would you even like it if someone you don’t know well did that to you? Of course, not – yet many people, the world over, do that to our Creator, i.e. our Heavenly Father – the one who made our body, soul and spirit (Ezek 18:4)! So, the bottom line is that our Heavenly Father *doesn’t like a fake*. He wants our *sincere* love and, **God’s ‘love language’ is obedience**. As He told Israel, via Moses...

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Deut 6:4-9

In other words, in *all* that we do, think, say and desire, God’s Word should be *paramount* in our life. So, seeking the Lord is *not* something we can do simply by going to Church once, or twice a week; nor doing any other ‘tradition’ that mankind tells us we should. In other words, **Church is Not Christianity** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/212>] *because* our Heavenly Father *doesn’t like it* when we ‘play Church’, thinking we’re pleasing to Him (Mth 11:16-19; Lk 7:31-35). And Jesus simplified this for us when He said simply: *If ye love me, **keep** my commandments* (John 14:15). So again, God’s ‘love language’ is obedience. If we don’t *sincerely try* to obey Him, then we simply don’t love Him. The trouble is, as Isaiah pointed out (Isa 29:13) most people are *incorrectly taught* how to ‘fear’ (worship) God by corrupted ‘religious leaders’. That’s why many ‘traditions’ of the ‘Church’ are not *anywhere* close to what our Heavenly Father has instructed us to do! Jesus pointed this out, in Mth 15:3, when He asked the phony religious leaders of His day: *Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition*? And then He said: *Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition* (vs 6). And, after that, He went on to quote from Isa 29:13, which means He was directly telling these ‘false preachers’ that they were teaching people how to worship God ‘in vain’, *not in sincerity*. For their doctrines

were **not** God's commandments; thus, the people were being taught to do things that *God didn't want!* And there's nothing new today (Ecc 1:9) with many, so called, 'Churches'. As Jesus also said: ***Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition*** (Mark 7:9). And that's *why* so many people *don't know how to truly* seek the Lord, as this Psalm 105:4 calls us to do!

So, truly seeking the Lord (YHVH) our God means *studying His Word*. But we've also got to look inside our own heart and mind (honestly) to see how we 'line up' with God's Laws. One of the traditions the 'religious leaders' had back in Jesus' day was a *ritual* hand washing. This wasn't a normal hand washing for hygiene purposes; it was purely for spectacle purposes, i.e. to make you 'look' holy! And these 'religious leaders' actually had the gall to 'get after' Jesus because His disciples were not doing their stupid ritual... which was *never* commanded by God. That's why Jesus got after them so strongly, in Mth 15 (and Mk 7 too). He pointed out the stupidity (and fakeness) of their traditions. But, later (also in Mth 15 and Mk 7) Jesus explained to the disciples what God really cares about, i.e. ***that we work to get the sin out of our heart...***

18 And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him;

*19 Because **it entereth not into his heart**, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?*

*20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, **that** defileth the man.*

*21 For **from within, out of the heart of men, proceed** evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,*

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

*23 **All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.***

Mark 7:18-23

So, Jesus was pointing out that, our 'inner man' *cannot* be defiled by what goes into our body but what comes out of our body, i.e. our sins. While eating bad foods will certainly make us sick (and it **is** harder to think clearly, and stay focused on serving God, when we are sick), **what we eat physically is not the source of our sin**. What we allow to come out of us (our actions and words) **is** what defiles us. And that's because **our words and actions are only a manifestation of what our thoughts, desires, intentions, motivations and feelings are** (i.e. what goes on in our heart and mind). Because, what we think about, and desire, most IS what we are going to act upon. So, if you don't clean your heart (desires, emotions, intentions and motivations) and mind (thoughts) then you are 'unclean' in your 'inner man' (heart and mind), which is the part of us our Heavenly Father is truly *most* concerned with. For that's the part of us that *can* live forever (**if** we accept Jesus Christ *and obey* Him, faithfully) while our flesh **is** going to die someday. While we need our flesh body to serve God on earth, it's simply *not the most important thing*.

And so, if we really want to ‘seek the Lord’, then we *must* understand that! For, we cannot seek the Lord (YHWH) ‘in vain’, meaning by ‘traditions of man’, which are simply ***lies disguised as truth*** (2 Cor 11:13-15). That’s why it’s good for us to learn to study the Bible ourselves, even if we do go to a Church. Many people like the fellowship that comes from going to Church; and there’s nothing wrong with that... so long as they are not leading you into doing (or thinking) things that are contrary to what God’s Word says we should do. Which (again) is why it’s so vital we study God’s Word to see what He really wants from us. So, whoever you study with, or whatever Church you go to, learn to study the Bible *yourself* (and how to look words up in a Strong’s Concordance) so you can ‘*check out*’ *your teachers*. That way you know, *for sure*, what God’s Word really says; that’s what truly convicts us of truth, after all. And truly, that’s also how we ‘seek’ the Lord and what will give us great joy (peace of mind).

Now, along with ‘seeking the Lord’, this 4th verse (in Ps 105) also tells us to seek His ‘**strength**’, but *what does that mean?* The word ‘**strength**’ here does mean ***strength*** but, in various applications, such as: ***force, security, majesty, praise*** (#5797). And, it’s also been rendered as ‘might’ and ‘power’. Some of David’s Psalms do a good job of explaining this. For example...

6 Blessed be the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

*7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; **my heart trusted in him**, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.*

8 The LORD is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

Ps 28:6-9

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Ps 18:2

So clearly, **to seek God’s ‘strength’ means to seek His help**, for He truly is ‘mighty to save’ (Isa 63:1). And, for His salvation, He truly does deserve our praise! And then, **in the last part of this 4th verse** (in Ps 105), **the Psalmist says to seek his face evermore**. Of course, ‘his’ is referring the Lord’s (YHWH’s) face. The word ‘**seek**’ here is a different word, than the first time it’s used in this verse 4, but still is close in meaning: ***to search out*** (by any method, specifically in worship or prayer); by implication, ***to strive after*** (#1245). And then, the word ‘**face**’ here does mean ***the face*** (as the part that turns); but, it’s used in a great variety of applications (literally and figuratively); and, it can also (with prepositional prefix) be used as a preposition, i.e. ***before***, (etc.) (#6440), which is why it was rendered ‘***presence***’ several chapters back (Ps 95:2, 97:5, 100:2). And then, the word ‘***evermore***’ means ***continuance, constant*** (or, **constantly**); and, it can even mean ***the regular (daily) sacrifice*** (#8548) because it was to be offered ‘continually’ (1

Chron 16:40). So, back in the days, *before* Jesus Christ came to die for our sins (once and for all, Heb 10:10), they were *required* to bring sacrifices when they wanted to worship the Lord (at the Temple), ask for forgiveness, or even to seek Him by asking a priest a question (which the book of Leviticus covers quite thoroughly). Thankfully, we do not have to do that today (John 4:23-24, Heb 10:22). But, they had to back then, and that's why the word 'evermore' can also mean a regular (daily) sacrifice. And, when Israel was gathered together, when the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Zion, Jerusalem, there were sacrifices given the Lord. As 1 Chron 16:1 says: *So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.* To learn what these sacrifices mean to us today, check out this special study: [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1094>].

However, truly seeking the 'face of the Lord' today simply means to seek HIM, i.e. seek to get to know Him and have a *true, intimate and good* relationship with our Heavenly Father! And the way we do that is primarily through *studying His Word* because **God's Word IS God** (John 1:1, 14), which *is also truth* (John 17:17; Deut 32:4). So, if we want to get to know our Heavenly Father, we *must* study the letter He's sent to us, i.e. the Bible. And we must do so diligently, as it is written: *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him* (Heb 11:6). The words 'diligently seek' here means nearly the same as it does in the Hebrew: *to search out*, i.e. (figuratively) *investigate, crave, demand*, (by Hebraism) *worship* (#1567). Thus, true worship IS diligently seeking the Lord, i.e. searching His Word, craving the knowledge of the truth contained in it, and investigating the translated words by looking them up in a *Strong's Concordance*. As Jesus said, *Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me* (John 5:39). But, in contrast, the way we don't get to know the Lord is by believing in lies (such as 'traditions of man'). As it is also written: *through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD* (Jer 9:6). To learn more about 'seeking' the Lord (YHVH), check out the following studies...

How We Know - or Don't know – God <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1716>

Closer to God, Ask, Seek and Knock <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/2600>

How to Get the Holy Spirit of God <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1220>

Hearing God <https://t.me/BibleStudyAudios/39>

The Church <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/332>

Now, there's something else in 1 Chron 16 that's really important, for it helps us to identify where this Psalm came from (a part of it anyhow). You see, after the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem, and placed in the tent David had pitched for it (in Zion); and after they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God (vs 1), we're told (in vs 7) that: *on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank the LORD into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.* Do you know how it began? Check out the first few verses...

8 Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

9 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works.

10 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

11 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

1 Chron 16:8-11

Does that sound familiar? It should! For it is nearly *identical* to the first four verses of this Psalm 105! And this just reiterates *how important* it is to study **all** of God's Word. For, while this Psalm 105 doesn't state this is a Psalm of David, we know (for sure) that he did write part of it. Further, verses 12-22 (in 1 Chron 16) are nearly identical with verses 5-11 of this great Psalm 105. So, while not all of this Psalm 105 was necessarily written by David, the first 15 verses *definitely are*. And that's likely why this Psalm is not stated to be a Psalm of David. So, either someone else took part of David's Psalm, and then wrote the rest of it to be presented later to the people or, David did so and it's just not accredited to him. But, at any rate, we know David wrote *a part* of this Psalm **for sure**. And we also learned (a few chapters back) that Psalm 96 was also taken from his 'first Psalm' in 1 Chron 16 too. So again, that's why it's so important to study **all** of God's Word; for many questions can be answered by doing so. Also, so much of the New Testament is full of people quoting from the Old Testament (including Jesus Christ Himself). So, we really cannot understand the New Testament (NT) *without* studying the Old Testament (OT); because, we *must understand* the context of the Scriptures they quote (in the NT) from the OT. And that (again) is why Jesus said to 'search the Scriptures' (i.e. the OT) *because they testify of Him* (John 5:39). So, if we don't study the Old Testament – in conjunction with the New Testament – we will end up just making stuff up (i.e. traditions of man, which make God's word void [useless] to us).

So, it is incredibly important to 'seek the Lord' (YHWH) *and* His 'strength' (His help via His Holy Spirit within us) evermore (continually) *because* that's actually a vital part of worshiping Him! And truly, that's the only way we can be pleasing to Him. For, if we don't know what He wants from us, we cannot strive to obey Him. And remember, God's 'love language' is obedience! So, if we really love our Heavenly Father, we will 'seek Him' by studying His Word sincerely, consistently and diligently....

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

*13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: **how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?***

Luke 11:9-13

*14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, **if** we ask any thing **according to his will**,*
[this is a KEY point!] ***he heareth us:***

*15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we **know** that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*

1 John 5:14-15

We'll pick this up in part 3...

AMEN.