



## Seeking God

Malachi 3:1 *“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty.*”

Take a good look at this statement *“then suddenly the Lord you are seeking.”* You can ask God for a blessing or wait for God to decide you deserve one. That goes hand in hand with *ask and someone knows what you want. Do not ask and they cannot read your mind.* Yes, God can read your mind. However, does He have an obligation to do so and give you everything your heart desires? Does Santa? Even with St Nick we go to the mall and sit on his knee. Yet, with God, we expect Him to deliver. What if we are to seek blessings? To ask and pray for our desires?

1 Chronicles 16:11 *“Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God. Begin to build the sanctuary of the Lord God, so that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord and the sacred articles belonging to God into the temple that will be built for the Name of the Lord.”*

There is that word again “seek.” Matthew 7:7 says *“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”* I suspect this is not rocket science. The good God loves to bless. Everything? Does Santa? Does your mother? Yet, with God, we expect it don’t we? However, the Bible is full of scripture saying God will bless us “if.” If what?

If we seek Him. If we stand right before the Lord and ask in prayer. I suspect God will bless us more than we think. Yet most of us tend not to ask or seek Gods favor.

*2 chronicles 7:14 “if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”*

I suspect this is a pride issue. I equally surmise that this is an insecurity issue. How can it be both? It is pride if we want life to go our way. Gods way just might make our ideas and view look small. I could say it is also insecurity because I want to be special. Why can't I be as smart as God? Acts 17 says from verse 24 on that He made everything. That if we did not make creation, then we would have to seek out the one who did for answers. I do not think that sits well with most humans. Pride and insecurity are in the way.

Hebrews 11:6 says *“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”* We must approach the throne. Jesus asks us to ask, seek, and knock. Does that mean that God is waiting? Heavens no! Yet, God wants us to seek Him out. There are those who are sad because they got caught in sin. Then there are those who did not do anything wrong and are happy. Waiting on God is ok but it can be a long process. Rushing into sin might be a patience issue. Those who seek God are probably getting a faster answer. James 4:8 tells us *“Come near to God and he will come near to you.”*

Jeremiah 29:13 *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

The blessings of God are available. They are not a vending machine. However, in a small way they are. God wants to bless. He wants to be the God of our lives. If we seek then He loves to bless. Yet, we must drop our pride and let go of our insecurity. It is better to be blessed by God than be led by our own ways. It is odd because a gambler says lady luck was on their side. That they are on a roll. Yet luck had nothing to do with it. You win some, you lose some. With God you always win because He wants His children to win.

How we perceive a win is the difference. I believe God answers yes to every prayer. Yes, He will find a way. To have what you want or desire? Gods plan might be different but the outcome is happiness. God might choose a different path but the result will satisfy. It is possible, on our own, we seek the wrong results. We seek the wrong Santa. Is lady luck, God? Honestly, do you think God says no? I just do not see it that way. God will find a better yes to our plan. Yet, first we must believe. Matthew 6:33 *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”* Secondly and lastly, we must seek Him who gives abundantly. Maybe some of us are afraid of being blessed too much. Realizing that God is the abundant God and that we are not Him. Seek God today and start down His path to yes.