

SEEKING THE LORD

PSALM 27

Introduction:

To seek the Lord is the first priority of life. When the human heart is right, it has a deep desire for God. Even when the heart is not right, the desire for God is there. Without knowing it, all humans are in search for God. They are like an adopted child, down deep inside they know there is a birth parent somewhere, and they have a desire to know that birth parent.

Robyn, our daughter in law, was adopted. When she was in her thirties, she really developed an interest in knowing who her birth parents were. A friend who was a Private Investigator began the search for her, and found both of her birth parents. It was a satisfying experience for her in some ways, but disappointing in another. When she found her mother, she was almost a street person. Life had not been easy for her, and she was a pitiful person.

Her father was a somewhat successful business man with a little more stability in his life.

All of us have a creation parent—and there is within us a desire to know him. Professor Jung of Zürich once wrote: “Among my patients in the second half of life, that is, over thirty-five, there has not been one whose problem in the last resort was not that of finding a religious outlook on life.”¹

¹Knight, G. A. F. 2001, c1982. *Psalms : Volume 1*. The Daily study Bible series. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville

This Psalm is about seeking the Lord.

I. SEEKING TO KNOW THE LORD.

1. By enjoying His presence.
2. By beholding His beauty.
3. By receiving His protection.

II. SEEKING TO PLEASE THE LORD.

1. Motivated by a fear of displeasing the Lord.
2. Captivated by the face of the Lord.
3. Assured by the care of the Lord.

III. SEEKING TO BE BLESSED BY THE LORD.

1. The blessing of Direction.
2. The blessing of Deliverance.

Conclusion:

There comes the time when “seek” becomes “wait”. When you have done all that you know to do, then you just wait. You wait with the assurance that God will hear and God will answer your prayer. He will indeed “strengthen your heart”!