



What Does God Seek?

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TODAY'S READING: John 4

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." These were the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:33. This passage is just one of many examples in the Bible where we are told to seek after God. We know that we are to seek after God, but have you ever thought about what God seeks? John 4 gives us some insight.

The Samaritan woman in John 4 was focused on where to worship, but Jesus was focused on how to worship. Jesus told her that true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. The next part of verse 23 answers the question of what God is seeking, *"for the Father is seeking such people to worship him."* God is seeking worshippers. He is seeking those who will worship Him in spirit and truth. This is not the big "S" spirit and is not referring to the Holy Spirit. Nor is this passage referring to the capital "T" truth of the Bible. In verse 23, John tells us that God is looking for worshippers who worship with their entire being. The truth in this passage is a knowledge and understanding of God so that our worship of God is rooted in a biblical understanding. The spirit in the passage is the emotional, passionate response to God. Both are necessary for true worship. Worship that leans too far to the side of truth is liturgical and dry. Worship that leans too far on the side of spirit is merely emotionalism, and the words/actions are empty. God is seeking a mixture of spirit and truth, a passionate response based on the knowledge of scripture.

I remember hearing these words at a worship conference in Kansas City years ago, "If you are seeking God, start with worship because God is seeking worshippers." I have never forgotten those words. We are called to seek after God, but we also know God is seeking something . . . worshippers. We also know God is seeking a specific kind of worshipper who worships in spirit and truth. Does your response to God in worship lean more towards spirit or truth, or is it the balanced worship God seeks? Today, pray to God and ask Him to help you grow in your expression of worship.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

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