



My Soul Longs for God

“When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.” Psalm 27:8 (KJV)

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Since Adam and Eve sinned and God put them out of the Garden of Eden, there has been an emptiness in the heart of everyone. Only when we repent of our sins, put our trust in Jesus as our Savior, and cultivate a close relationship with God, our Creator and Father; Jesus, our Savior and Friend; and the Holy Spirit, our Teacher, Helper, and Comforter will we know true fulfillment, peace, and joy.

However, as you well know, we live in a world full of materialism, constantly trying to steal away our affections. Even as believers, we can get so caught up in this world and all it has to offer that we are not building that close relationship with our Lord. Sometimes tests, trials, and suffering try to consume our time and energy. Sometimes we are over committed. For King David war and persecution were trying to devour his time and keep his eyes on his enemy. God told him in verse 8, *“Seek ye my face...”* and David’s response was, *“...my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.”* (KJV)

Beloved, when I put my trust in Christ as my Savior in March 1976, I felt I was in a war! My personal life was full of physical and emotional pain. My marriage was on the brink of divorce. I had a lot of sinful habits. I needed God’s help!

However, right from the beginning of my Christian life, by GOD’S AMAZING GRACE, seeking the Lord’s face (which is a deeper, personal relationship with Him) has always been more important to me than having my life free from

pain. Often I felt like David when he wrote in Psalm 42:1-2 (KJV), which reads, *“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?”* Also, Psalm 63:1 (KJV) reads, *“O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is.”*

Beloved, my husband and family could not satisfy the thirsting of my soul. Friendships and the materialism of this world could not satisfy the thirsting of my soul. A successful international ministry could not satisfy the thirsting of my soul. However, daily seeking the face of my Lord—spending time building my relationship with Him—constantly satisfies my soul. As I have put my relationship with Him first, He has faithfully healed my spirit, soul, and body. He has restored my marriage. He set me free from the bondage of many sinful habits.

Can I ask you a question today? Is there a thirsting in your soul? Does your life feel like a dry and thirsty land where there is no water? Jesus and only Jesus is the answer. You need a daily close relationship with Him, and only then will the thirsting of your soul be satisfied.

*With a goal to glorify Jesus Christ
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