Seeking God

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:13)

The word seek means to looks for something specific; to search for one thing peculiar and no other preferences. To seek is to find one right answer and no other solution appropriate. People keep on seeking lot of things that they think are essential for them – good reputation, wealth, job, good partner, best qualification and scientific progress. All mentioned are commendable but not essential. What should we need to seek for?

- 1. <u>Seek the truth:</u> The truth is this: God is the Creator of heaven and earth and the Author of all things that people need. Many people in this world they have already acquired big reputation but they fail to find and receive the truth that they need to know. A famous person is nothing compared to someone who is the Son of God. "For God so loved the world that He gave His One and only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) Jesus came down from heaven to save the people from sin and death. He died on the cross, was buried but raised from death on the third day to give eternal life to everyone who believes in Him. Jesus came to earth to destroy the work and schemes of Satan who is the father of lies, by revealing the truth and the power of God. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)
- 2. Seek the right way: There are many ways and influences in this world but the way of the Lord is the right way. People are trying to find a way to travel to different places to seek for a fortune or to live in a better land as many said, " a greener pasture" but unfortunately they don't know the way to heaven, the place that is not only green but with golden and Eternal city. There is only one way to reach heaven. "For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time." (I Timothy 2:5-6) Jesus is the only mediator between God and all men. He is the way to heaven, the place promised to all who believe and obey His will.
- 3. <u>Seek to live a life to the full:</u> If you seek to live a life and live it to the full or in abundance, you need to receive Jesus in your heart as your personal Savior and accept Him as the Lord of your life. Jesus said, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10) Jesus is your assurance to have a wonderful life only Jesus can satisfy your needs. "Such a High Priest meets our need One who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens." (Hebrews 7:26)

To God belong everyone and everything. He is the Creator and Giver that we should seek. We ought not only to seek the gift or our need but to seek the Author and Giver. Seeking God is a continuous process. A day and night pursuit until Jesus comes again and will take us with Him to heaven.

King David desired one thing: "One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple." (Psalm 27:4) He was seeking to live forever with God. King David was seeking eternity and this is what we also need to seek. After we receive Jesus in our hearts, we need to seek and know Him more. We need to always obey and follow Him. We must seek His word and His example and His direction – the truth, the way and the life – in order for us not to be apart from Him. More so when we are serving God, we need to seek Him to be corrected, to be instructed and to be warned.

My heart says of you, "Seek his face! Your face Lord, I will seek." (Psalm 27:8) When we speak to anyone we look at the face to see the facial expression and to pick up what is in the person's heart and mind. We need to be in a deep relationship with God with all our emotion, thoughts and devotion for Him alone; to know what is in God's heart for us, His good and perfect plan. The Lord God said, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you will seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:11-13) How could we accomplish the good plans and receive the perfect future that God has for us if we do not call upon God and diligently seek His face? To diligently seek God is not only to come and pray to Him. To seek God wholeheartedly is to listen, to obey and to follow His Word, the written Word – Bible and the living Word – Jesus.

My dear and beloved: Seeking God needs earnest desire for Him, "Oh God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water." (Psalm 63:1) Seeking God requires faith and high degree of discipline, obedience, honesty and willingness to follow all God's decrees and commands. Seeking God is not difficult instead it makes your life easier. When you seek God you are kept on the right track of life. Seeking God does not rob you but will continually bless you. When you seek God you lose nothing but you will receive reward.

My Prayer: "Father God, I come before You in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for the forgiveness of my sins, and rose again from death to give me eternal life. O lord, my God, I earnestly seek you. Teach me your word and your ways. Step by step You lead me and help me to follow your ways. Thank you, Lord. This is my prayer in Jesus' name, Amen."