

A woman and a child are walking through a field of yellow flowers. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset, creating a soft, hazy atmosphere. The woman is in the foreground, and the child is slightly behind her to the right. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

LOOK TO THE

Lord

AND HIS STRENGTH;

SEEK HIS FACE

always

1 CHRONICLES 16:11

Great Reward

By Pastor Sabu Samuel

“Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always” (Corinthians 16:11).

Seeking the Lord means seeking his presence. “Presence” is a common translation of the Hebrew word “face.” Literally, we are to seek his “face.” So, in essence, seeking his face is to be in his presence.

Let’s not forget the fact that God is omnipresent; he is near everything and everyone. He holds everything in its place. His power is ever-present in maintaining and governing all things. “Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

What does it truly mean to seek God? It is a personal and willing choice to direct the heart toward God. This is what Paul prays for the church: “May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ” (2 Thessalonians 3:5). To be able to seek God is a gift from God to his children. Through his death, he has made it possible for heaven’s portal to be open to us. We have open access!

I want my readers to understand one truth: God is not hidden from us; he is ever-present. The heavens are telling the glory of God, so we can seek him through what he has created. He reveals himself in his Word. “Even if heaven and earth pass away, his word will never change.” So we can seek him through his Word. He reveals himself to us in other people, so we can seek him through that as well. To seek God is to constantly set our minds toward him in all our experiences.

One of the obstacles that could stand in the way of seeking God’s face is pride. “In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him” (Psalm 10:4). Therefore, humility is essential in seeking God.

The greatest assurance we have as children of God is that when we truly seek him, he will be found. “If you seek him, he will be found by you” (1 Chronicles 28:9). And when he is found, there is a great reward. “Whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him” (Hebrews 11:6). God himself is our greatest reward. Therefore, “Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always” (Corinthians 16:11). May the Lord enable each one of you to seek him in all arenas of your life for direction and guidance, to know his perfect and pleasing will as you move forward in life.

Look to the Lord and His Strength

By Ruth George

In 1 Chronicles 16, David celebrates bringing the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem. The Ark symbolized God's presence among His people, and the moment was filled with worship and thanksgiving. However, David used this celebration to remind Israel that the Ark itself was not the source of their blessing, God was. The Ark represented His covenant and His dwelling among them, but their security and success depended on continued faithfulness and trust in Him. This same message is echoed again in Psalm 105, reinforcing that seeking the Lord is an ongoing way of life.

David calls the people in 1 Chronicles 16:11 to "look to the Lord and his strength." In a culture that often celebrates independence and self-reliance, this instruction shifts the focus away from human effort and toward divine power. As Psalm 121 reminds us, our help comes from the Maker of heaven and earth. The strength we need is not something we can find within ourselves, but in trusting God humbly and consistently. Whether in times of celebration or hardship, the answer remains the same: look to God and rely on His unfailing strength.

Continuing in the verse, based on that dependence comes the command: "Seek his face always." The Hebrew word for "face" (*pânîym*) also carries the meaning of presence, pointing to a deep and intentional pursuit of closeness with God. For Israel, who had abandoned their God, this was a reminder that even when they turned away, even when we drift, He remains faithful and unchanging. Due to our human nature, we tend to drift away from God, so we must continually return to His presence, making our relationship with Him not an occasional act, but a daily pursuit.

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WEEKLY MEETINGS		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Zoom
Friday	10:00 AM - 11:00 PM	Zoom
Saturday	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Church

MARK YOUR CALENDARS		
EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Youth Gathering	March 7	Pr. Sabu Samuel's House
PYPA	March 14	Church
Cottage Prayer	March 21	Bro. Johnson's House
Service Day	March 28	Church

PRAY FOR NATIONS		
COUNTRY	CAPITAL	EST. POPULATION
United Kingdom	London	69,995,000
United States	Washington D.C.	340,587,000 ²
Uruguay	Montevideo	3,473,000
Uzbekistan	Tashkent	38,192,000
Venezuela	Caracas	34,838,000