

## 1 Chronicles 16:10

***Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!***

In today's verse, did you notice that it says "*those*" "*who seek the LORD*", not "*those*" who know of the Lord. Maybe you know those who have trouble rejoicing, or even being happy. You talk to them about God and they say, "*Yea, I know about God*" yet they have never sought after God or Jesus. They would rather have TV, Movies, Hollywood, Social Media, music, etc. tell them who God is, instead of searching for Him themselves.

The bible says: "***But from there you will search again for the LORD your God. And if you search for him with all your heart and soul, you will find him.***" Deuteronomy 4:29 (NLT2) Notice it clearly says that "*you will search*" not that you would go to others to have someone else find God for you, letting them do all the hard work while you think you can benefit from their labors.

Think of it this way, what if you are before God in heaven and you have chosen to reject the True God and Savior Jesus based upon what someone else told you about Him. Do you really think that your excuse of "*So and so told me this about You, so it's their fault I didn't believe or turn to Jesus*" No, not at all, because once again we are told to search out God and when we do, we will, not might or maybe you will find Him, but that "***you will find him***". Yet those who do not find Him, don't search for Him with all their heart and soul, but it's more like, "*Oh I lost a sock, I looked in the dryer and in the sock drawer and I couldn't find it, so I'll just go buy a new pair of socks.*"

God and Jesus are not like a lost sock, the only one lost is us, and without searching for God, we will be lost for all eternity. But if we search for Him, then when we find Him, and we can have eternal life through Him, because when you search out God with your whole heart, then when you find Him (and you will) then you know that you have found what you have been searching for and it was worth every moment of your search.

But you know what? In your search for the Lord, He is first calling out to you, so when you are searching for the Lord, know that He wants to be found by you. God is not playing a game of hide and seek with you, No, He wants to be found by you. I think of the prophet Samuel, when he was still a young boy and God was calling out to him. God was calling out to the prophet Samuel before he was even seeking God. But God persisted and called out to Samuel three times before Samuel was taught that the Lord was the one calling out to him.

† **1 Samuel 3:8-9** *And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. Then he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be,*

*if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place.*

The first three times God called out to Samuel, he only knew the ways of the world, so he could not clearly know God. But once Samuel found out that God was calling out and seeking him; little, young Samuel, then he searched out God, and clearly heard God's voice and was obedient to what God told him.

† **1 Samuel 3:10** *Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."*

Today, the Lord may be calling out to you, and you are so used to hearing the voice of the world, that you don't realize that God is calling out to you to seek Him, because He wants to be found by you.

So today, more than ever, seek the Lord with your whole heart, not your head, not through Social Media, not through TV or movies; but through His word and prayer. And if you seek Him with your whole heart, you have God's word on it that you WILL find HIM, and once you do, you will be content and you will not have to search anywhere else to find Him, because you will find that He is your pleasure and peace and contentment.

† **Ephesians 2:14** *For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation*

† **Ephesians 1:4-6 (NLT2)** *Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.*