

# Seek His Face!

by Karen Holland

**1 Chronicles 16:11** *Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always {continually}.*

**Psalm 27:4-6** *One thing I have asked from the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at His tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.*

The Lord used the above scriptures at a special time in my life when the Holy Spirit was just beginning to flow thru me in a new way to touch others. It was thru singing and praising the Lord in a small group, simply beholding the beauty of the Lord and enjoying His presence that He allowed a new song to first rise up from within me: 'Celebrate the King'. This new experience also caused me to search my heart/motives and to see that there is a difference between seeking the Lord for the gift {His hand} and seeking His face to truly know Him, the person.

What does it mean to seek the Lord's face to behold His beauty? The meaning of the Hebrew words are; seek: baqash [01245]: to search out in worship or prayer face: paniym [06440]: presence, person and behold :chazah [02372]: to see (by experience), to perceive, to contemplate (with pleasure).

So to seek the Lord's face to behold His beauty would mean to search out His person or presence in worship/prayer to experience, perceive and enjoy your relationship with one another. The difference between seeking the Lord's face over His hand is also seen by Mary, who like David chose the same 'one thing', to sit at the feet of Jesus and behold.

**Luke 10:41-42** *Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.*

Mary chose the 'one thing' that Jesus says is necessary. The Lord turns His face towards the David's and Mary's who come to sit and simply abide at His feet to behold Him. The eyes of the Lord are upon –

... *those who fear Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love. -Psalm 33:18*

... *the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. -1 Peter 3:12*

... *those whose heart is loyal{fully devoted} to Him, for the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong on their behalf. -2 Chronicles 16:9*

The Father's heart is open to those who have an ongoing relationship with Him; His children who not only come to Him with their needs but who also seek His face to enjoy their relationship with Him. The Father's heart is open to His children who come to simply abide and behold His beauty.

**John 15:7** *NASB If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

**John 15:7 MSG** *But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon.*

Heart check—

There is nothing like feeling His power/anointing flowing thru you touching others but ... Are you seeking His anointing — His hand or are you seeking His person — the relationship? What would you do if the flow of His power or anointing thru you stopped?

**Luke 10:17-21** *The seventy-two returned with joy and said, Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name. He replied, I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. **However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.** At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.*

**1 Chronicles 16:8-11** *Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and His strength; **seek His face always {continually}**.*

**2 Samuel 6:21** ... *I will celebrate before the LORD.*

### **Celebrate the King!**

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I will celebrate before my King -2 Samuel 6:21  
I will celebrate my heart will sing.

The song of Jesus, let it rise  
Burst forth from deep within. -Psalm 16:11, 98:4

All my heart, All my soul, All my mind  
With all my might -Mark 12:30  
The song of Jesus, let it rise  
All within me sings. -Psalm 103:1

Chorus

Hal le lu Yah — Hal le lu -Psalm 146:1; Revelation 19:6  
All honor, All glory, All praise  
Worthy is the Lamb -Revelation 5:12  
Hal le lu Yah — Hal le lu  
He is victorious, He reigns!  
Celebrate, Celebrate the King.

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