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We must not yearn after, seek, or desire God so vigorously that it becomes but difficult work and deprives us of rest, and peace, and joy.

When we find this happening, we need to stop and rest in the Lord, perhaps in the solitude of silence, even nodding off into sleep if necessary.

But there may be something more going on here. This hard work syndrome may reveal the fact that the application of our hearts and spirits to seeking God has become simply self-effort doomed in advance to failure.

There's always the awful danger that we try to seek God as though it were something we either could or should do on our own. To the contrary, we don't even have any desire to seek the Lord except the desire He places there. If our desire for Him is of us, it's unreal, it's phony!

One day God shook me with the recollection that it is "not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." (II Corinthians 3:5)

If we set out to seek for God, long for Him, yearn after Him in self-dependence, we can only fail. We will ultimately decide that "it didn't work." And indeed it didn't, we didn't,



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"Unto you therefore which believe he is precious." -I Peter 2:7

"Precious" = of great value.

Our Lord Christ is of greater value than all else added together.

He is our savior, redeemer, sanctifier, and heaven-giver.

In those few words are wrapped up the greatest benefits brought out of the most awful losses.

From hell in its most unimaginable pain and horror to heaven in all its unimagined joy and bliss He brings us.

What could be more precious than this, and Him, the provider of it?

How can we treat it ... and Him ... so casually?

To meditate with utmost gratitude on this reality night and day for a lifetime would not be too much.

Oh, my Lord, forgive me for giving you and your marvelous, gracious, indescribable provision so little attention, so little appreciation. What an awful sin!

What negligence on my part.



God Beyond All Seeing

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God is beyond all seeing,

All knowing,
All understanding,
All wisdom,
All light,
All life,
All loving
All hope,
All thinking,
All feeling,
All seeking,
All finding.

When we seek Him,

no matter what we find,
we find only a small part of Him,
Of His omnipotence,
Of His omniscience,
Of His omnipresence,
Of His eternity,
Of His infinity,
Of His sufficiency.

No matter how much we find of Him here, we remain forever unsatisfied.

We're disappointed like a child in a candy shop. No matter how much it eats, it can't eat enough to be truly satisfied.

In heaven it will not be so. There we will finally eat and drink of Him, forever filled with Him, but never surfeited. Always just perfectly satisfied.

In the meantime, as we seek more for Him, may it be less and less from dissatisfaction and disappointment. Only from a desire to enjoy Him fully, and to give Him full enjoyment. However imperfectly, may we long for Him as sweetly as we can. Even in our disappointment that we don't know and experience Him so fully as we wish, may we find a gracious challenge to seek Him more fully, more sweetly, more lovingly.

At the same time, may we rest content in what we do seek and find in Him. In our desire to know and experience Him better, may there be less and less of chagrin, less and less of anger, less and less desire to stop seeking Him.

May we rejoice that He has allowed us to know Him at all. May we seek eagerly after Him and His love as constantly as possible in worship and adoration. May we read often the Psalms, Canticles and writers like Rutherford, Faber, Tersteegen, and Guyon to spur us on to greater depths of desire.

Let us seek our "God beyond all seeing" as best He will enable today and always, however imperfectly that may be.

The more especially is it so in view of the terrible agony He endured on the cross in order to purchase for me the immeasurable benefits of full and free salvation for all eternity!

And then to think that I could heed the evil one's whisperings that seeking You in love is mere unnecessary emotionalism.

No! Far from it. Rather, it is the most effective way we can spend our time and results in the practical redirection of our life patterns.

Let me give myself more and more to seeking You in love, thanksgiving and rejoicing.

for we can't ever work a spiritual work successfully on our own ... Nor, for that matter in actuality, can we do any work with maximum success apart from God. And what fools we are ever to try. Yet we do, and we do, and we do!!

We can only allow God to work in us. And even that He must from the first initiate and enable. If it's a good thing, it is always He Who does the work in us from the beginning and throughout.

It is always He Who initiates, enables, empowers. To the extent to which we refuse to allow Him so to do, to that extent our efforts are failures.

Our dependence must be always on Him in all things.

Oh, would to God that we would finally learn this life-lesson.

I need thee, O, I need thee.
Every hour I need thee.
O, bless me now, my Savior.
I come to thee.

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