

Needed Stimulation

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To worship God for the sake of giving God pleasure is a wonderful thing.

We should worship Him so as constantly as possible.

Still, we may often find in worshipping the Lord, the stimulation we sometimes need for help in seeking Him.

We may worship Him simply as Who He is,
Almighty God,
The Eternal One,
The Light of Life,
Help for the Helpless,
Hope for the Hopeless,
The Bread of Life,
The Limitless Well-spring
of Living Water,
Gracious and Good,
Pure and Holy,
Love that gives unrelenting,
Life that lives never-ending,
Peace that satisfies the most pitifully aching
heart, ,relieves, and releases.

Sometimes the needed stimulation for seeking God may be resting in silent solitude before that same God we seek to worship. In fact, this too may be worship!

Can we worship, can we spend hours seeking the God we worship, can we rest in Him, when we're inundated by distractions, distressed by pain, frightened by worry, threatened by circumstances promising to deprive

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Oh that I could find floods of words to portray the beauty of all our Lord's marvelous perfections. Suppose I spent a lifetime searching for words suited to the task, I would still be frustrated. Both the number and the adequacy of the words would not begin to suffice.

But I'm so glad that my heart yearns to find the words. I would be intensely saddened if my spirit was willing to accept so little for so much ... If I loved my Lord so little, or thought so little of His greatness.

He is All-Love, filled with loving kindness, gentle, meek and mild, good, patient, gracious, generous, merciful, tender, caring, unchanging.

He is All-Wise, All-Knowing, true. He is All-Righteous, pure, holy, just.

He is All-Powerful, everywhere-present, eternal, infinite. All authority is His.

He is All-Sufficient for every situation and for every need of His own and of all His people.

He is the truth and the life.

He is our teacher, comforter, friend, guide, guard, savior, and redeemer ... our peace, our rest, our hope, our help, and our joy.

He is glorious and grand, adorable, beautiful, lovely, delightful.

He is radiant and lustrous, outshining the sun, awe inspiring and fear inducing.

He is harmonious, bringing everything ultimately into harmony with Himself and all else that is.

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After a time of seeking God, we somehow expect to find it easy to seek and find Him.

Great is our disappointment when we find it not so.

The Christian life in all its aspects is a daily, no, a moment by moment battle.

The world never entirely loses its attraction to us. The flesh never ceases seeking its own. The devil is always trying to trip us up, draw us away from God, making sin attractive to us, substituting something for God, offering us false gods.

We must be always making "God choices," yielding to Him, rejecting the allurements of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

We must not grow weary of the battle. We must reject the notion that we can ever expect seeking, finding, and following God to be easy. We must be constantly remembering that we that we need to be always making the wise, right, God-pleasing, self-sacrificing decisions.

We must be constantly throwing ourselves on God in whom alone is our hope always in all things.

We must be constantly seeking, worshipping, praising, thanking, resting and rejoicing in, and obeying our God.

We must not become lopsided by emphasizing some of these to the exclusion of others.

Upon leaving the seeking hour, we must continue looking to God as frequently as we can, talking to Him, quoting scriptures, saying words of worship, praise, and thanksgiving, not looking for tears or good feelings.

We can just continue our communion with God in a dimension that's quite different, different because our minds are usually occupied with thoughts of things temporal.

That's the way it must be, and that's just fine. Still it's no reason to ignore God entirely. Rather, seek to take Him as the guiding light, the enabling life, into everything we do. Ask for His direction and intervention in all things.

"Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee." -Psalm 40:16

"My tongue shall speak of thy righteousness, and of thy praise, all the day long." -Psalm 35:18

We must accept the reality of the day by day, moment by moment battle, to practice all that is entailed in seeking and finding God however tedious and draining it may seem to be.

By God's gracious enabling we need to constantly, fully, apply ourselves to the task.

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He is marvelous and majestic, perfect, lacking in nothing

He is worthy of all praise.

The scriptures are filled with word pictures attempting to describe the glories of our great God.

He is the door and way to the door.

He is the spring of living water, the bread of life, the word of life.

He is the rock of our salvation, our citadel, our fortress, our high tower.

He is our great high priest, the good and great shepherd.

He is the fire that doesn't consume. He is also the all-consuming fire.

My heart breaks that I can find no words sufficient to describe the God that is, the great I AM. Must I give up supposing that words or even thoughts are needed to pay homage to my God?

I may never get beyond benefiting from words and thoughts of worship, but I can practice the silence of solitude, letting the all-sufficient one give me the joy of rejoicing in the peace of His providing.

So may seeking be finding as God and I rejoice in one another's presence.

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or even destroy us?

Yes, by God's gracious enabling we can turn from all else to God Himself to seek Him worshipfully alone, or to simply rest in Him and find in Him the peace that passes all understanding ... and so escape the frightful sin of anxious worry and fear.

God is in all things my hope. I know no way to come to Him so fully and freely as to come worshipfully seeking Him, or restfully trusting Him. I say not lovingly because I know how poor and incomplete is my love.

But, somehow, to seek my God in worship however poorly, or to rest in Him, waiting quietly for Him, however incompletely, is often to experience something of entering His presence and finding something of enjoying His peace.

We are the circumcision (God's people) which worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds.
- Philippians 3:3; 4:8

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