

## **SEEKING GOD**

**In the deep recesses of man's soul lies an overwhelming yearning toward the Creator. This is a common thread through all humanity, created in the image of God. Unless and until that desire is fully met, the human soul remains restless, constantly striving for what is ultimately unattainable.**

**To any discerning Christian, it is easy to see that men and women are in an awful spiritual and moral mess today. A person must know where he is before he can comprehend where he needs to be.**

**The highest ideal or accomplishment of men is to break from spiritual bondage and enter into the presence of God, knowing that you have entered welcomed territory. The highest accomplishment of humanity is entering the overwhelming presence of God. Nothing else can satiate this burning thirst.**

**It is God's great pleasure for us to fully rest in His presence, moment by moment. God created man expressly for his pleasure, and fellowship. Nothing in or of this world measures up to the simple pleasure of experiencing the presence of God.**

**The spirit of restlessness breaking out across the sea of humanity testifies to this truth. Our whole purpose as created beings is to utilize our time delighting in the manifest presence of our creator. Intimacy with the Creator separates man from all other of God's creation.**

**The greatest hindrance, of course, is the fact that God is unapproachable. Sin has created an unmanageable debt for all humanity. The good news, however, is that Christ has paid the debt, and bridged the gap to God for all. But there are still at least three challenges that stand in man's way as he strives after God's presence.**

**The first obstruction is the moral bankruptcy of the human soul, leaving man with a debt to the great God who created the heavens and the earth, a debt which must be paid unless the man is somehow pardoned. A man cannot pardon himself. An outside force is needed to achieve his pardon.**

**The human heart knows it cannot enter into the presence of God, because it has rebelled against God. There must be something done to make it possible for that rebellion to end, and be forgiven. The act of rebellion must be**

**pardoned completely, and the rebel restored to full citizenship in the Kingdom of God, to be made a child of the Father.**

**All of that was done in Christ. But there is another hindrance. A man cannot enter the presence of God with the foul scent of sin upon him. His present condition must also be addressed. To come into the presence of God, we must conform in every way to His standard.**

**The blood of Jesus Christ accomplishes this stupendous act! This is what Christianity teaches. Jesus single handedly purged our sins. He alone could do it, so he did it alone. The foul scent of sin upon man can be washed and cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ shed on the cross. This will allow us to come boldly into the presence of God.**

**Our attitudes and intentions also need divine purification. We must come into His presence in a way that is worthy of him. The present generation of Christians has suffered what some call the lost concept of Majesty. God created men in his own image. If we don't understand the Majestic nature of man, we cease to appreciate the Majesty of God.**

**A sense of Majesty has been lost, and along with this a sense of dignity has disappeared among mankind. This has so permeated our society that it is perhaps beyond reclaiming. Even Christians suffer with a demoralized sense of Majesty. It does not matter whether it's true or not, as long as it is funny. We don't care whether it is true or not if it is said in a cute way that entertains us.**

**But I believe the Majesty is still in the heavens. This Majesty still sits on His throne before which angels, archangels, seraphim, and cherubim continue to cry "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty". After Jesus, who was God by Himself, alone purged our sins, He went back and sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in the heavens.**

**We need to whet our spiritual appetite for that which it truly craves, the presence of God. I hope you will catch the passion and press forward to delight in the conscious, manifest presence of God. For a man to make real spiritual progress, he must deny himself. A man who was made this renunciation enjoys great freedom and security.**

**The good news is that the heart of man truly hungers for God's presence and that all of the great barriers prohibiting that striving after God have been**

overcome in Jesus Christ. A poem penned about 200 years ago by Oliver Holden captures this well.

*They who seek the throne of grace, Find that throne in every place,*

*If we live a life of prayer, God is present everywhere.*

*In our sickness and our health, In our want, or in our wealth,*

*If we look to God in prayer, God is present everywhere.*

*When our earthly comforts fail, When the woes of life prevail,*

*'Tis the time for earnest prayer; God is present everywhere.*

*Then, my soul, in every strait, To thy Father come and wait;*

*He will answer every prayer: God is present everywhere.*