

Seeking God's face

There is a need to state categorically here that God makes Himself known, and He offers evidence for His existence. God is not hidden, and He has used and still using many avenues and opportunities to reveal Himself.

Do we have to see everything before we believe?

Has anyone seen oxygen? Yet, everyone believes that without it, life is null and void.

This is not even the case with the almighty God, He is an existing and living God(Ps.119:18). Evidence of His character and nature abound in the Scripture and is made known physically in the person of His dear Son, Jesus Christ(Jn.14:9). These are to clear the minds of the atheists and skeptics that did not believe or doubt the existence of God. Also, as an assurance to those that believe their prayers are to invincible and unknown God.

How does it sound and what will be your feelings if I should tell you that I have not tasted anything for the past 6months? I am indeed sure a larger percentage if not everybody would agree to the fact that I am not being truthful. "Come out of it, what are you saying; you shouldn't be alive by now", will be the comment of certain people. If my excuse is that I have not really been feeling hungry for that period, there is no need for food. Still, with the excuse, many will not agree with me. As far as you are concerned, surviving without food for six months is impossible, hunger notwithstanding. It implies that hunger is not a necessary condition for eating.

Now, does it sound unbelievable or strange if I should tell you that I have not talked or prayed to God, read Bible or any Spiritual book, involve God in any of my activities for the past 1 year? Some would say it is possible, a larger percentage would say since there is no need for it, I am in the same shoe would be the saying of some other people& no way will be the reaction of a percentage. What! Now, in the case of God, *NEED* is a condition but with food, it is not. What an odd world!

Wisdom demands that if you are at crossroads, you seek help. Seeking God's face is simply an act of "asking" for God's help concerning life's issues. This might be in form of empowerment, strengthening, material things, support, success, peace, among others.

It is not a condition/requirement that we must be in trouble before we ask for His help. This is where a lot of people are getting it wrong or missing out on what should be their right.

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. (Psalm 63:1 ESV)

If you have ever made a trip or found yourself in the desert, you will never use water carelessly. You pour water on the ground and it dries up instantaneously. You get thirsty at short intervals, if care is not taken, you might run out of drinking water. The Psalmist was making this comparison for us to know how vital this connection is to our existence.

We are to seek the face of God all the time, otherwise, things might go crazy or dangerous. That is why it is expedient to be in the presence of God all the time, make God be your companion always. No wonder David said there is no place he can go and there is no location to flee from His presence(Psalm 139:7-8). Seeking the face of the Lord is a way of making your request known to God and asking Him pertinent questions. Making inquiries or chatting with Him shouldn't be a problem in any way, He is your heavenly Father(except if you are not sure or you don't have a tie with Him).

Your father and my father says;

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”(Jeremiah 33:3NKJV)

Why seek His face?

As humans, we are utterly limited in every area of life. Humorously, I used to say that we cannot see beyond our nose. Only God is unlimited, the all-knowing; He knows the beginning from the ending and the ending from the beginning. That's why He is Omniscient, unlimited in knowledge and creative power.

Apart from the fact that God sees all and knows all, looking unto Him for help is a demonstration of your submission and acceptance of His Lordship. Through this act, His supremacy is being acknowledged.

This generation is so arrogant in their ways, they believe they know better, and they should be able to judge better. Due to their access to volumes of information technology and which has resulted in an explosion of knowledge. This is good and we can see the impact but whenever the God factor is left out, it turns to folly.

Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe.

(2Corinthians 4:4NLT)

Do you need promotion, breakthrough, success, peaceful marriage, children of your own, and others?

Friends, you need God. Yeah! Some people are making explanations or giving excuses as a way to hide from facts.

Are you suffering from pain, loss, loneliness, addiction, anxiety, bad parenting, unemployment, among others? There are no two ways, you need God.

Is having a better and smoother relationship with God your concern? You need to seek the face of God.

He said you should come and whatever may be your need, He has the answer to them all.

.....'Come, for everything is now ready.'(Luke 14:17NIV)

Despite all the sufferings and troubles in our world today, there are still some individuals that are enjoying rest and I mean, all round rest.

According to Billy Graham, “Without God's guidance, our response to suffering is futile”.

Seeking God's face is inquiring what will be His response or reaction if He was to be in a similar situation.

There are many reasons to seek the face of God.

1. He is ever capable.

Nothing is more powerful than Him. There is nothing He can not do.

No matter your troubles, problems, the disaster, and considering how hopeless or terrible they may be. He is up to the task of meeting your demands.

2. He is the only companion you can completely trust.

He is your creator. He knows you and everything about you. He is the only true friend you can trust.

3. God remains the same.

He doesn't change. Same yesterday, today, tomorrow, and forever.

4. God can restore whatever you might have lost.

He owns everything including whatever you might have lost in the past. Hold on to Him, with Him you will laugh again.

5. He is a God of love.

He himself is love. His presence guarantees everlasting love and life.

6. He has the answer to all your needs.

All that you will ever need for a fulfilled and glorious life are with Him. His grace is ever sufficient for you if only you will hold on to Him

How to seek God's face

1. You must know God.

Wisdom demands that you know what you are looking for. How would you identify what you do not have an idea about? Get to know God and let Him know you. Get familiar with His voice so that when He speaks you will know. Make your voice known to Him as well. He only hears His own and not strangers.

2. Be ready to pray.

Prayer is the main channel of communication with God. It is your way of making your petitions known to Him. When you are praying, know quite well that you are praying. Some claim they are praying but are there before God apportioning blames while it shouldn't be them. Complaining is not praying or a way of being heard, it compounds issues. Whenever you pray, always have the belief that God is listening, and He is committed to providing answers to your prayer. He is a prayer-answering God.

3. Read your Bible regularly.

Have you read your Bible today? I mean your Bible, a copy of your own. At all costs, make sure you own a copy; hard or soft. With the advancement in technology, there are many Bibles apps out there, download and have one for yourself. It is amazing to see people with all sorts of apps that end up corrupting and destroying their lives. If you need the hard copy(printed book), write me and I will send one to you.

The Bible is God's Word and manual for living, never *approach* a new day without reading and meditating on it. You can seek His face through His Word.

4. Cast all fear away and embrace faith.

Fear is the major instrument of Satan in depriving people of enjoying their goodly rights. Fear is the enemy of faith. The Scripture says that without faith we can receive nothing from God. To make the matter worse, unbelief is a sin(Romans 11:20). There are about "365 fear not" in the Bible, at least one for each day. Fear is a spirit, knock it off you with the spirit of faith.

5. Possess the right attitude.

Have heard people saying that attitude is everything. With the passage of time, I think they might be right. Right focus and right thinking are very important and I can assure you that they will yield the needed result. It is said that others are 10% while you are 90% of what happens to you. Seek the face of God in a business-like manner, with all seriousness, be determined and you will come out successfully.

There is a note of warning or what I will call *red* flags that have prevented some people from getting through with their issues.

You must be ready to:

- a. **Be focussed:** there is a need for you to maintain your focus,
- b. **Be Patient:** Sometimes you will need to wait(waiting time),
- c. **Persist:** nothing in the world can take its place. Know what you want and remain on course. Be steadfast in your approach, not wavering, and stay committed.
- d. **Listen:** you will need to take time to listen and don't just do all the talking. Attentive listening is non-negotiable, particularly during prayer.
After praying, learn to be asking yourself, " *have I spent as much time listening as speaking?*" This will always serve as a check and balance.
- e. **Obey:** Finally, obedience should be your watchword. This is very crucial, be prepared that whatever He says you will obey. Remember, He guides rightly.

Read and meditate on Psalm 27 to seek the face of God. Do a follow-up with Psalm 23 for a tip of the iceberg of what your God can do.

As you seek His face afresh in your affairs, He will not hide from you rather He will show you great and mighty things to come. He will continue to be your light and salvation. You will never stumble or fall but continue to dwell in the house of the Lord forever. You are blessed.

Jesus Christ is the Lord