

## Seeking Him

I wonder what it is that He rewards us with if we seek Him? What does He reward us with if we seek Him? Himself? How did you know that? Because if that is what we are seeking, that is what we want. That is why we seek Him. That is how we get rewarded. So therefore we find Him, do we not? What if we do not seek Him?

You can see in 1 Chr 28:5-10, where David is telling his son Solomon, "*If you seek Him He will be found by you.*" If you seek Him, He will let you find Him. Thus, what is our reward? In Heb 11:6 we see that He rewards those who seek Him with Himself.

One of the reasons that the first church was led astray by the enemy, Satan, is as 2 Cor 11:15 spoke about — false apostles coming to them, masquerading as true apostles. It says that the false apostles are Satan's actual servants and they masquerade as servants of righteousness. The servants of righteousness speak the words that are supposedly of God, and Satan supports that and gives good feelings to the people who hear it. They are sorcerers. And they start hearing that voice of the sorcerer and they start loving that word. These people are obviously not seeking God because they are not able to distinguish false apostles from true apostles. They are not seeking Him so therefore God has forsaken them and false apostles came in and were able to lead the church away. As it says in 2 Cor 11:2-3, they were deceived like Eve was deceived — by Satan's cunning, his craftiness.

So we see that when we are not seeking God, we can entertain an accusation against a brother and think it is God's discernment that has been given; we think that it is actually God speaking to us when it is Satan speaking to us, because what does Satan do? He masquerades as an angel of light. He masquerades as if he is the Holy Spirit speaking to you, and you can hardly distinguish God's voice from Satan's voice because Satan masquerades as an angel of light. He masquerades as righteousness;

he speaks good words, beautiful words, word that foster your pride and build you up and make you think that you are better than someone else. It lets you start having accusations against a brother and think it is God's discernment given to you.

Why this confusion? Because we are not seeking Him. We are not seeking Him so He is not rewarding us with His discernment and with His wisdom and with His revelation. I will manifest Myself to Him who seeks Me, He says, "*I will reveal Myself to him.*" So if He is revealing Himself to us, that means we are seeking Him, we are obeying His commandments, we love Him (Jn 14:21), we are the ones whom He loves because we are keeping His commandments. So therefore we are not going to be fooled — we are going to be able to distinguish Satan's voice from the Holy Spirit. Sometimes when we are not seeking Him, sometimes we get good feelings and we think that we do not really have to seek Him. People are led astray that way and many people have left because of that. We have to be rewarded with His discernment to distinguish between Satan's accusations and the Holy Spirit's discernment, between the Holy Spirit who encourages and Satan's counterfeit encouragement; between God's voice and Satan's.

Today in Christianity, wonderful teachers and orators, golden tongue orators, get on the radio and speak what seems to those who listen like the very words of God. But they do not realize what other spirit is cooperating with that voice which gives such good religious feelings. They hold all of Christianity in captivity to the counterfeit encouragement. I was in places over 20 years ago where they would "prophecy" — they would say, "My son, you are my choice prophet, speak to my people my word. I will give you my word." They are always speaking what they call "prophecy" to people, to build them up, to puff them up. And the people receive that word; they think they are something and they receive a false prophecy about themselves, fostering their pride. There is always a fostering of their pride — Satan always fosters their pride. He fostered Eve's pride, making her think that she would be able to be like God.

We know that all prophecy is for edification, consolation and encouragement. Satan tries to imitate that. He imitates righteousness. He gives you a cup of coffee every time you hear a false prophecy and it stimulates that part in your brain that faith stimulates and you think that you are receiving God's revelation. That is how we are kept under the sway of the evil one.

So we can fall away as the first church, not being able to distinguish the difference between Satan's encouragement, even though we only get his encouragement when we are not even seeking God. Because when we are seeking God, we are not going to receive Satan's encouragement, we are going to receive the Holy Spirit's encouragement. If we are seeking Him, He rewards us. That is what the objective word says. If we seek Him, we will find Him; He will reveal Himself to us. If we seek Him, He will reward us. He rewards those who seek him (1 Chr 28:9-10). The reward is Him — His Spirit. His reward is Him; His reward is His Spirit; it is Him in our hearts. When He is in our heart we cannot be deceived. When He is in our heart we cannot be deceived, but when He is in our spirit only, we can be deceived. When He has receded to our spirit and we are not seeking Him and enthroning Him in our heart, then we are able to hear Satan's voice and think it is God's voice and receive an accusation against a brother or sister or husband or wife or misjudge our children or misjudge one another. In this state we cannot distinguish between the Holy Spirit and Satan's voice. We hear Satan's voice; he is able to speak beautiful words to us just like he did to Adam and Eve. Even after they fell out of the garden, Satan continued to come to them speaking words to them. Satan fosters pride when we are not seeking God.

Now, what does **seek** mean? There are two ways of understanding what *seek* means here. "*He rewards those who seek Him,*" and "*If you seek Him He will let you find Him.*" What does *seek* mean? We can look at the word *seek* two ways and we must understand which way we must seek Him daily so we can know how to seek Him.

Do you ever seek Him? If you never seek Him, then you do not find Him in your heart. Believe me. It is the objective word. If you think He is in your heart when you do not seek Him, that is Satan's voice telling you that; it is an evil spirit; you are under the power and persuasion of an evil spirit, being led astray. And then a prophet has to stand up and speak, that is, if the prophet is hearing from God instead of from the evil spirit; he can only speak from God if he has the Spirit in his heart. Of course, you can only prophesy from the spirit in your heart. Otherwise you prophesy just from your mind, from your own flesh, and then Satan is able to speak, though subtly, very subtly.

**Seek**, in one way, means to try to locate or discover, to search for, endeavor to obtain or reach; to move to go to; to go towards, to inquire for, to request. So which does it mean for us? What does it mean for us to do in order to find Him? In order to be rewarded, do you have to do all of the above, or what is it especially that you are to do? What does the word say you are to do? What does Jms 4:8-9 say? How many people really seek for Him daily, really search for Him until you find Him? He hides from us every day; He is one who hides Himself from us. Why? So we can exercise our spirit, always seeking Him so that we might find Him and have Him. He is never far away. He is always nearby, so we can grasp Him and have Him if we seek for Him.

In what way are we to seek him? In Jms 4:8 it speaks about drawing near. And what does verse 9 say? If we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us. *"Be miserable and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom."* Why? What does that have to do with verse 8?

What does Heb 10:22 say? And Heb 7:19? Heb 10:1?

We have a better covenant.

If we are drawing near and seeking Him, we will find Him, we will not be discouraged. But if we are in a time when we are not drawing near, we are very discouraged until we continue in that state a little while and then the enemy comes and starts encouraging us in that fallen away state and we then become a destructive

element in the Body. The objective word says we cannot find Him unless we seek for Him. We need to draw near to Him and find Him; we need to make sure He is in our heart. That is the job of a disciple. You are not a disciple unless you are doing this. I am glad that many will fall away because they will not listen to the word. They cannot listen to the word and they will not listen to the word. The word of God is already written — way in advance. Many will fall away because many will not fear. Satan has already entered into their mind; he has moved in to comfort them. He comforts them as if the Holy Spirit cannot. Let's not let it happen to us, saying, "Oh, it'll never happen to me." It says that the love of *many* will grow cold; *many* will betray one another.

This is exactly how the first church was led off. It became a dwelling place of evil spirits. History repeats itself, but we are the ones who are to not let history repeat itself; we are the only ones who have power against it.