

What Seek Ye?

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

John 1:38, "Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?"

What seek ye? A question that Jesus asked a long time ago is still a good question for us today. What do we seek from the Lord? How about the church? What do we seek, or expect from the church? Maybe we haven't given it much thought, but we should. Didn't the Lord say, "Seek and ye shall find?" If we don't seek anything, we may not find anything.

Should we have any expectations when we go to the Lord's House on Sunday morning? Even if we have been saved and know the Lord, we should seek to learn and to grow as a Christian. Learning is an ongoing process and we can continue to gain knowledge of God as long as we are in this world. It is not always a preacher, or

Sunday School teacher, but anyone, sometimes a child will say something that blesses everyone.

Is there a need in our life that we need to talk to the Lord about? Maybe there is a need for patience, or help with a temptation. Sometimes even forgiveness for a sin is needed. I don't care how old we are, or how long we have been saved, we continue to need the Lord's help and mercy as we go through this life.

Those who trust in themselves, as Peter did, will fail just as Peter did. I'm sure he meant well, but his trust was in the wrong place. He thought he could do well on his own, but he was weak. Years ago I came to the conclusion that the only thing I could do on my own was to fail. There is a real danger when a person thinks that they are strong and have need of nothing. Examples of this are in the scriptures and are there for a reason. We should learn from the examples of others. The Laodicean church in Revelation 3, as well as the Pharisee in **Luke 18** didn't feel like they needed or wanted anything. Both were wrong and

didn't know it because of their pride.

What about us and the view that we have of ourselves? Do we seek to grow in the grace of God? I know that there is room for me to learn and to grow closer to God. If we look at ourselves honestly we can see the needs in our lives. As long as we see our weakness we can look to the Lord for strength and help for each day. The one who don't think he needs any help is the one who will not ask for any. Likewise he will not receive any of the Lord. Pride goes against the will of God.

What seek ye? Jesus asked the question of them and of us today. Do we seek to walk closer to the Lord? Solomon ask God for wisdom that he might serve God and the people better. As long as that was his goal he did well, but when he went his own way he strayed from the Lord. If we don't keep our focus on the Lord it is easy to be sidetracked and stray from the path of righteous. It is up to us to keep looking to God for help each day. We either look to him, or we look away. It's our choice to make, what are ye seeking?

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IT IS RECORDED IN JUDGES, CHAPTERS 4+5 THAT DEBORAH (CIRCA 1296 B.C.) "...THE WIFE OF LAPIDOTH, JUDGED ISRAEL AT THAT TIME". THIS WAS BEFORE THE ADVENT OF KINGS. WHOEVER JUDGED ISRAEL WAS ACCREDITED LEADER OF ALL THE PEOPLE. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE ISRAELITES WERE BEING SEVERELY PERSECUTED BY A CANAANITE KING, NAMED JABIN, AND THEY APPEALED TO DEBORAH TO RID THEM OF HIS DOMINATION....

...DEBORAH APPOINTED A MAN OF GREAT VALOR, BARAK, TO LEAD TEN THOUSAND ISRAELITES AGAINST THE VAUNTED ARMY OF SISERA, KING JABIN'S GENERAL, WHO HAD NINE HUNDRED CHARIOTS OF IRON! BARAK, KNOWING DEBORAH ALSO AS A GREAT PROPHETESS AND SEER, INSISTED SHE BE WITH HIM ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE AND, BECAUSE OF THIS, SHE SAID THAT SISERA WOULD DIE BY A WOMAN'S HAND AND NOT BY A MAN'S... FOLLOWING DEBORAH'S ADVICE, BARAK ATTACKED THE CANAANITES FROM THE HEIGHTS OF MT. TABOR, DRIVING SISERA'S ARMY HARD AGAINST THE BANKS OF THE KISHON RIVER, WHERE HIS CHARIOTS COULD NOT MANEUVER AND, IN FACT, WERE MANY OF THEM BOGGED DOWN AND WERE SWEEPED AWAY BY THE WATERS, GIVING ISRAEL A GREAT VICTORY!

THE GENERAL, SISERA, ESCAPED FROM THE BATTLE AND SOUGHT REFUGE BY HIDING IN THE TENT OF HEBER, THE KENITE. HERE, HEBER'S WIFE, Jael, SLEW HIM WHILE HE SLEPT—THUS FULFILLING DEBORAH'S PROPHECY AND PLACING HER NAME NEXT DEBORAH'S AS THE TWO PERSON'S MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRUSHING DEFEAT OF THE CANAANITES!

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