

## Do You Seek After God?

The DVD series “The Silencing of God” that we are currently viewing in our Wednesday night adult class concern people who are literally working to destroy all knowledge, mention or representation of God in our culture. They have been and continue to be far more successful than, I fear, any of us could have imagined. The reason that is true is explained very vividly in the words of the Psalmist David:

**Psalm 10:3-5** “FOR THE WICKED BOASTETH OF HIS HEART’S DESIRE, AND BLESSETH THE COVETOUS, *whom* THE LORD ABHORRETH. <sup>4</sup>THE WICKED, THROUGH THE PRIDE OF HIS COUNTENANCE, WILL NOT SEEK *after* GOD: GOD IS NOT IN ALL HIS THOUGHTS. <sup>5</sup>HIS WAYS *are* ALWAYS GRIEVOUS; THY JUDGMENTS ARE FAR ABOVE OUT OF HIS SIGHT: *as for* ALL HIS ENEMIES, HE PUFFETH AT THEM.”

When men refuse to “SEEK after GOD”, when men pervert the revelation of God with false doctrines, false promises and their own wants, wishes and whims the result will always be the same. They will bring about their own destruction, if not in this life, in eternity. But there is a remedy. The nation of Israel was assured that when they became entangled in idol worship and rebellion against God:

“BUT IF FROM THENCE THOU SHALT SEEK THE LORD THY GOD, THOU SHALT FIND *him*, IF THOU SEEK HIM WITH ALL THY HEART AND WITH ALL THY SOUL.” **Deuteronomy 4:29**

And as we view the history of Israel during the time of the Judges and later Judea during the time of their good kings, such as Asa (**II Chronicles 14**), Jehoshaphat (**II Chronicles 17**), and Josiah and Hezekiah; we see that when they sought after God; they and their nation were blessed. When they did not; they suffered misfortune and destruction. The wisdom of Job was simple:

**Job 5:7-9** “YET MAN IS BORN UNTO TROUBLE, AS THE SPARKS FLY UPWARD. <sup>8</sup>I WOULD SEEK UNTO GOD, AND UNTO GOD WOULD I COMMIT MY CAUSE: <sup>9</sup>WHICH DOETH GREAT THINGS AND UNSEARCHABLE; MARVELLOUS THINGS WITHOUT NUMBER.”

Just as sure as sparks from a fire fly upward, man is born into trouble; but Job would “SEEK UNTO GOD” and lay his troubles at the feet of the one “WHICH DOETH GREAT THINGS”.

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## **Do You Seek After God?**

Just as Israel was assured under the Mosaic Law we too have God's assurance through the words of Jesus himself, that if we but seek after God we will be richly blessed:

**"BUT RATHER SEEK YE THE KINGDOM OF GOD; AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU." Luke 12:31**

And again in that great chapter on faith:

**Hebrews 11:6** "BUT WITHOUT FAITH *it is* IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE *him*: FOR HE THAT COMETH TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS, AND *that* HE IS A REWARDER OF THEM THAT DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM."

Invitation