

Seeking The Face of God

Prayer Guide

Week 12

Hindrances to Seeking His Face: Lack of Hunger

O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.

Psalm 63:1 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: The analogy is clear. It may be lost on those of us who do not live in a arid, desert climate, but if you were out in the dry desert where there was no water, your one driving ambition would be to find water. Because you know that without water you cannot survive. David uses this analogy to describe his longing for God... a thirst that must be quenched. Thirsting and longing are not terms we usually use when we talk about our seeking the Face of God. Why? Because we are not hungry enough, we are not thirsty enough. This kind of hunger leads to a desperation to find God at any cost. It is the willingness to pay any price to obtain what is hungered for. In our normal lives, the desire to seek the Face of God has to fit in among the many other hungers of our lives... the hunger for physical food, the hunger for comfort, the hunger for material possessions, the hunger for human companionship. But for the one who truly desires to see the Face of God, the hunger to see God's face will be all consuming. How is it with your hunger? With my hunger? Are we more hungry for the Face of God than anything else in our lives? The question needs to be answered.

- Day 1:** Spend some time today asking the Lord to show you those things that you are more hungry for than Him. Spend enough time for Him to speak clearly to your heart.
- Day 2:** In prayer, ask the Lord to help you evaluate your level of hunger for Him. He knows your heart better than you do. He will graciously tell you.
- Day 3:** Confess to the Lord your lack of hunger for seeking His Face. Be thorough.
- Day 4:** Ask the Lord to increase your level of hunger for seeking His Face. Prepare your heart for His answer.
- Day 5:** Today, ask the Lord to increase the level of hunger for Him in your church.
- Day 6:** Pray for the other churches in your city to increase in their hunger to seek the Face of God.
- Day 7:** Today, pray for those on the mission field to increase in their hunger for seeking God's Face. Pray for missionaries from your church.