

Seeking The Face of God

Prayer Guide

Week 19

Requirements for Seeking His Face: Repentance before God

Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

Romans 2:4 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: Repentance has been called the first word of the Gospel. Mathew 4:7 records that the first call of the ministry of Jesus was a call to repent. Repentance was the message of John the Baptist, and repentance is an essential part of the commission Jesus gave to the church. In many ways the Church has lost how important repentance is to God. Repentance is not a onetime event that I do when I come to faith in Christ. Repentance is an attitude of life. Repentance is like clearing a highway of holiness to and from God. In fact, repentance by God's people is our only hope for any future for this generation. We must realize that sin has contaminated everything we are and do. Repentance is not simply a matter of repenting of what we have done. Repentance is a matter of repenting of who we are. It is not what we do for ourselves, but what we do for God. There is a difference between being sorry for what we have done, and responding in true repentance before the holiness of God. Every sin has self as it's core. If we are serious about seeking the face of God, we must take seriously the matter of repentance. Those who seek the Face of God will never be satisfied with half way. They will continue to press closer and closer to God, and the path to seeking is repentance in every area of life.

- Day 1:** Spend time this week asking God to show you the root of self in your life. Ask Him to reveal to you the places where self has been hiding, but He sees.
- Day 2:** Today, bring those things the Lord has revealed to you, and one by one repent, and put them out of your life, as the Spirit of God directs.
- Day 3:** Ask the Lord to give you a lifestyle of repentance so that you are quick to repent of everything the Lord shows you is not pleasing to Him.
- Day 4:** Pray for a heart of repentance that will be a testimony to your family, and friends of the goodness of God.
- Day 5:** Pray for a genuine spirit of repentance in the life of your church in every group from children to adults.
- Day 6:** Today, ask the Lord to pour out a spirit of repentance upon the Church in your city. Remember to pray this with a heart of humility and repentance yourself.
- Day 7:** Pray for your churches missionaries on the mission field to have hearts of repentance as they serve the Lord.