

Seeking The Face of God

Prayer Guide

Week 29

Cost of Seeking: Time – Listening

Have any of these prophets been in the LORD's presence to hear what he is really saying? Has even one of them cared enough to listen?

Jeremiah 23:18 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: If we were honest, we would have to admit that most of the time we come to the Lord in prayer with our own agendas, concerns and list of things we want to talk to Him about, or ask Him to do. The prophet Jeremiah here gives us some insight into what God is looking for. The verse in Jeremiah 23:8 has the meaning of asking who has developed the life skill of spending extended time in intimate fellowship with the Lord until they hear from Him with confidence in what He said, and then they can pray it, live it, and share it. We are sometimes like a chattering child that never listens to its parents. If we are to become a people who know how to seek the face of God, we must become a people who are growing in the discipline of listening. Listening involves the Word of God, enlightened by the Spirit of God to reveal the Heart of God, so we can truly know what is on God's heart. Then we can also know what to pray before His throne, because we know it's on His heart, He says He will send the answers. Are you growing in the discipline of listening? Do you take the time to be in intimate consultation with Him so that you can understand with clarity what is on His heart? Give this careful consideration if you truly want to be a person who is seeking the Face of God.

- Day 1:** Look carefully today at the time you spend. Ask the Lord to enlighten you to the truth. Do you spend enough time listening for His voice?
- Day 2:** Today, take a notebook and Bible, and spend some time just listening... write what you hear God speaking to you.
- Day 3:** Ask the Lord today to help you grow in the discipline of listening. Ask Him to teach you to filter out all the distractions and background noise in your life.
- Day 4:** Intercede for your family and friends to be challenged to grow in this important area.
- Day 5:** Pray today for the leaders of your church. Pastors, Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses, and cell group leaders, to grow in their ability to hear the voice of the Spirit.
- Day 6:** Take time to pray today for the other churches in your city to grow in their understanding of the discipline of listening.
- Day 7:** Pray for your missionaries to clearly hear from God regarding their ministries, and the people they are reaching with the Gospel.