

Seeking The Face of God

Prayer Guide

Week 9

Hindrances to Seeking His Face: Sin

It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.

Isaiah 59:2 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: In our desire to seek the face of God, we must deal with some very real hindrances. And we must realize that every hindrance is in us, not God. These words of Isaiah remind us that sin separates us from God. We can never realize our goal of seeking the face of God if we harbor sin in our lives. Our problem is that we live with sin on a constant basis, and our sensitivity to what is sin is easily dulled. But sin is anything that is contrary to the Word and Character of God. Idolatry is having anything, or anyone in our lives who is more important than God. Sin is harboring resentments and hurts. Secret passions, lusts or anger are not secret to our holy God. But all is not lost, because God invites us to seek His Face, and He made the way through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Be prepared, however, because the closer you come to the face of God, the more brilliantly His Holy light will shine into every area of your life. Be prepared to give up, and let go of whatever the Spirit of God tells you He does not approve of. Our Holy God is brutal in His dealing with sin, but merciful and compassionate in His love for us. Deal honestly with sin and you will see His Face.

- Day 1:** This week, begin a new discipline of asking the Lord to show you EVERY sin that He sees in your life. Determine to make this a part of a new lifestyle for you.
- Day 2:** Tell the Lord today in prayer, that you are willing to allow Him to examine your heart, because you want more than anything else to seek His Face.
- Day 3:** Thank the Lord today for His great love and mercy that He gave His Son, our Lord Jesus to be the payment for every one of our sins, past, present and future.
- Day 4:** Spend time today thanking the Lord for His mercy toward you personally. Don't focus on others, remember his love and mercy to YOU today, and give Him thanks.
- Day 5:** Pray today against the attempts of the enemy to make you discouraged because of your sin. Satan has been defeated by the cross of Christ. Claim the victory of Christ today.
- Day 6:** Pray today that others in your church would be willing to repent and turn from sin in their lives.
- Day 7:** Pray for a great wave of repentance to sweep across your city. Pray for pastors to preach truth regarding sin. Pray for hearts to be broken before God.