

Seeking The Face of God

Prayer Guide

Week 23

Requirements for Seeking His Face: Focus – Thoughts

Hear, O earth! Behold, I will certainly bring calamity on this people-- The fruit of their thoughts, because they have not heeded My words, Nor My law, but rejected it.

Jeremiah 6:19 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: As we seek the Face of God, we must focus first on the Word of God, and it's place in our lives. But another important focus in our seeking the Face of God must be our thoughts. This verse in Jeremiah might seem very negative when you first read it, but it holds an important truth. We harvest the fruit of our thoughts. The word in the Hebrew means the thoughts of our minds and the actions that come from those thoughts. The Scriptures are full of admonitions in reference to our thoughts, and the focus of our thoughts. In the New Testament, Paul tells us to focus our thoughts on whatever is good and true, and pure, and of good report. Genesis 6:5 tells us that the thoughts of men were only evil continually, and this brought about the flood. Psalm 94:11 says that God knows the thoughts of men, and so the Psalmist in Psalm 139:23 asks God to search his thoughts. If we are to seek the face of God, first, we must give God that permission to search our thoughts and show us what is wrong thinking. Then we must focus our thoughts on Him, on His Kingdom, on things of His character, and His works. As we take control over our thoughts and focus them on the things of God and His Kingdom, we will harvest the fruits of our thoughts and we will see His Face.

- Day 1:** Use this week especially to pray the prayer of Psalm 139:23 asking God to search your thoughts and show you what He sees.
- Day 2:** Begin to look deliberately at what you focus your thoughts on. Confess those ways in which your thinking is not according to the Scriptures.
- Day 3:** Ask the Lord to help you to focus your thinking all through the day of His Word, His character and His Kingdom. Trust in Him to help you.
- Day 4:** Pray today that you can begin to be an example to your family of right thoughts.
- Day 5:** Intercede today for your church family, and for the transformation of the thought lives of the people in your church. Starting with you.
- Day 6:** Pray for believers all across your city to begin to desire to have thoughts that are according to God's intentions. Pray for a revival of godly thinking in your city.
- Day 7:** Pray that those working on the mission field might also cultivate thoughts that will reap a harvest of souls, and revival.