



# SEEK MY FACE

## The Ministry of the Word

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# Psalm 27:8

<sup>8</sup> *When You said, “**Seek My face,**”*  
My heart said to You,  
**“Your face, LORD, I will seek.”**



# Acts 2:41-47

41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*.

42 And they continued **STEADFASTLY** in the **apostles' doctrine and fellowship**, in the **breaking of bread**, and in **prayers**.

43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.



44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

46 So **continuing daily** with one accord in the **temple**, and breaking bread from **house to house**, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.



# Marks of the Church

## Acts 2:42

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2. **Fellowship**, in the
3. **Breaking of bread**, and in
4. **Prayers.**



# STEADFAST

**προσκαρτερέω** *proskarteréō*, pros-kar-ter-eh'-o;  
from [G4314](#) and [G2594](#);

to be earnest towards, i.e. (to a thing) to persevere, be constantly diligent, or (in a place) to attend assiduously all the exercises, or (to a person) to adhere closely to (as a servitor):— attend (give self) continually (upon), continue (in, instant in, with), wait on (continually).



# Acts 6:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Now in those days, when *the number* of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.

<sup>2</sup> Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the **word of God** and serve tables.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;



<sup>4</sup> but we will give ourselves **continually** to **prayer** and to the **ministry of the word.**”

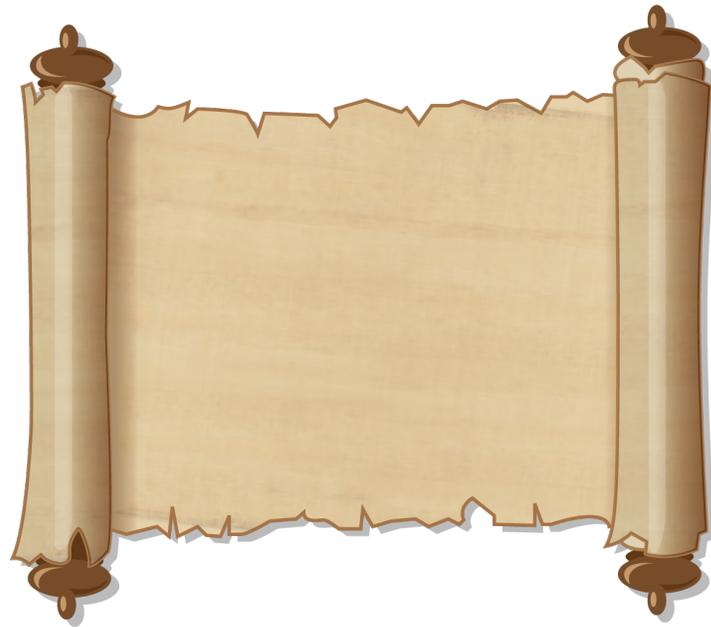
<sup>5</sup> And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch,

<sup>6</sup> whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

<sup>7</sup> Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.



# 1. Understand how to seek God from His Word



# Daniel 9:1-4

- <sup>1</sup> In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—
- <sup>2</sup> in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years *specified* by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.
- <sup>3</sup> **THEN** I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.
- <sup>4</sup> And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said,



## 2 Chronicles 6:36-40

<sup>36</sup> “When they **sin against You** (for *there is* no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and **deliver them to the enemy**, and they **take them captive to a land far or near**;

<sup>37</sup> *yet* when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and **repent**, and **make supplication** to You in the land of their captivity, saying, ‘We have sinned, we have done wrong, and have committed wickedness’;



<sup>38</sup> and *when* they **return** to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been carried captive, and **pray toward their land** which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen, and **toward the temple** which I have built for Your name:

<sup>39</sup> then hear from heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.

<sup>40</sup> Now, my God, I pray, let Your eyes be open and *let* Your ears *be* attentive to the prayer *made* in this place.



# Daniel 9:4

<sup>4</sup> And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

<sup>5</sup> we have **sinned** and **committed iniquity**, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.



# Jeremiah 29:11

<sup>11</sup> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.



# Jeremiah 29:10-14

<sup>10</sup> For thus says the LORD: **After seventy years are completed at Babylon**, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place.

<sup>11</sup> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

<sup>12</sup> Then **you will call upon Me** and go and **pray to Me**, and **I will listen to you**.

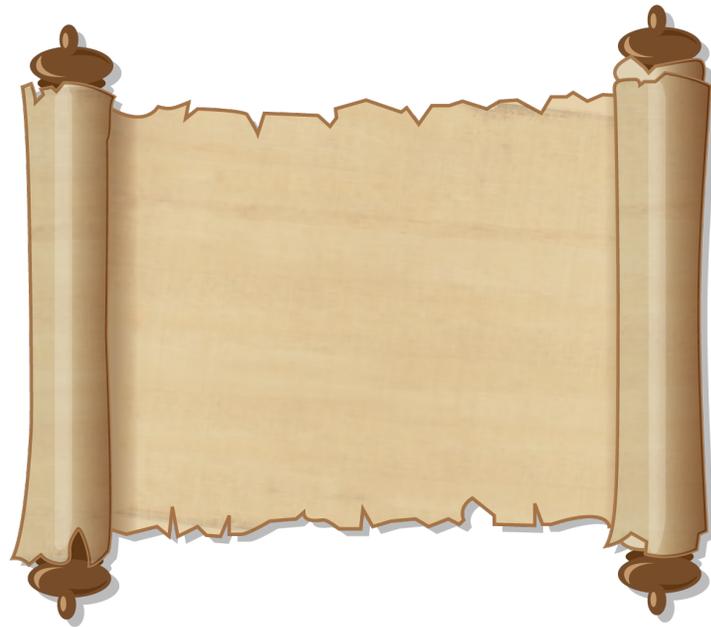


**13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.**

14 I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.



## 2. Search The Scripture Steadfastly



# Acts 17:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.

<sup>2</sup> Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with **them from the Scriptures,**

<sup>3</sup> explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and *saying*, “This **Jesus** whom I preach to you is **the Christ.**”



# Acts 18:23

<sup>28</sup> for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.



# Acts 17:10-11

<sup>10</sup> Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.

<sup>11</sup> These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they **received the word with all readiness**, and **searched the Scriptures daily** *to find out* whether these things were so.



# 1 Corinthians 3:18 (AMPC)

<sup>18</sup> And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued **to behold [in the Word of God]** as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His *very own* image in ever increasing splendor *and* from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.



# 3. Come, Believe, Receive Christ Through His Word



# John 5:38-47

38 But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.

39 You **search** the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

41 “I do not receive honor from men.

42 But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.

43 I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.



44 How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that *comes* from the only God?

45 Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is *one* who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust.

46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.

47 But if you **do not believe his writings**, how will you believe My words?”



**COME**  
**BELIEVE**  
**RECEIVE**



# Isaiah 55:1-3

- <sup>1</sup> “Ho! Everyone who thirsts,  
**Come to the waters [well of Salvation - JESUS];**  
And you who have no money,  
**Come**, buy and eat.  
Yes, **come**, buy wine and milk  
Without money and without price.
- <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend money for *what is* not bread,  
And your wages for *what* does not satisfy?  
**Listen carefully to Me**, and **eat *what is* good**,  
And let your **soul delight** itself in abundance.
- <sup>3</sup> **Incline your ear**, and **come to Me**.  
**Hear**, and your soul shall live; ...



# Hebrews 11:6

<sup>6</sup> But without faith *it is* impossible to **please *Him***, for he who **comes** to God must **believe** that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those **who diligently seek Him.**

