



# SEEK MY FACE

## Humble Yourself

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# Marks of the Church

## Acts 2:42

<sup>42</sup> And they continued **STEADFASTLY** in the

1. **Apostles' doctrine** and
2. **Fellowship**, in the
3. **Breaking of bread**, and in
4. **Prayers.**



# 2 Chronicles 7:14

<sup>14</sup> if My people who are called by My name will **humble themselves**, and **pray** and **seek My face**, and **turn from their wicked ways**, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.



# 2 Chronicles 7:14

True Humility will find expression through

1. **Prayer**
2. **Seeking** the Face of God
3. **Turning** from sins



# 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,



# How did Daniel seek the LORD?

1. Prayer
2. Supplications
3. Fasting
4. Sackcloth
5. Ashes



# HUMILITY



# 1) It is an Attitude

- The beatitudes all have **inner qualities** that **cultivates humility**
- The **Beatitudes** have to do with the **Kingdom of God**
- We are to **pray**, Your Kingdom come
- We are to **seek** First the Kingdom of God
- **Kingdom** has to do with the **Rule** of the **King**
- One of the greatest **mark** of the **Kingdom** begins with **humility**





# Matthew 5:3-10

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed *are* the **poor in spirit**,  
For theirs is the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed *are* those who **mourn**,  
For they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed *are* the **meek**,  
For they shall INHERIT THE EARTH.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed *are* those who **hunger and thirst** for  
righteousness,  
For they shall be filled.



# POOR

## in Spirit



# John 15:5

<sup>5</sup> “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.



# John 5:19, 30

<sup>19</sup> Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

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<sup>30</sup> I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.



# **MOURN**

**For the dead**

**In Repentance for sin**



# James 4:7-10

<sup>7</sup> Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

<sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

<sup>9</sup> **Lament and mourn and weep!** Let your laughter be turned to **mourning** and *your* joy to **gloom**.

<sup>10</sup> **Humble yourselves** in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.



# **MEEKNESS**

**is not “weakness”**



<sup>7</sup> Blessed *are* the **merciful**,  
For they shall obtain mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed *are* the **pure in heart**,  
For they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed *are* the **peacemakers**,  
For they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed *are* those who are **persecuted** for  
righteousness' sake,  
For theirs is the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.





# Matthew 6:9-10

<sup>9</sup> In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done  
On earth as *it is* in heaven.



# Matthew 6:33

<sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.



## 2) It is a Mindset

- Jesus first, others next, **me last**
- Lay down all that **I think I am**
- Lay down **opinions**
- Death to **self** (Let God deal with us)
- Daniel **humbled** himself with **fasting**



# Galatians 6:3

<sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.



# Philippians 2:3-8

<sup>3</sup> *Let nothing be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in **lowliness of mind** let each **esteem others** better than himself.

<sup>4</sup> Let each of you look out **not** only for **his own interests**, but also for the **interests of others**.

<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,



# Romans 11:25

<sup>25</sup> For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, **lest you should be wise in your own opinion**, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.



# Romans 12:3

<sup>3</sup> For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.



<sup>7</sup> but made Himself of **no reputation**, taking the form of a **bondservant**, *and* coming in the likeness of **men**.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He **humbled** Himself and became **obedient** to *the point of death*, even the death of the **cross**.





# 3) It is Expressed

- **Submission unto the LORD**

*When we don't submit, we are saying we are better*

- **Obedience unto the LORD**

*When we don't obey, we are saying we know better.*

- Acts 2:42; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Daniel 9:3  
(Steadfastly)



# 1 Peter 5:5-6

<sup>5</sup> Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for

“God resists the proud,  
But gives grace to the humble.”

<sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

