

Earnestly, I Search for You

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Ps 63:1 O God, you are my God;

I earnestly search for you.

My soul thirsts for you;

my whole body longs for you

in this parched and weary land

where there is no water.

Acts 17:24-28 **24** “He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, **he doesn’t live in man-made temples,****25** and human hands can’t serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. **26** From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. **27** “**His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us.** **28** For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

Ps 25:14 The Lord is a friend to those who fear him.

He teaches them his covenant.

Matt 7:6-8 **6** “Don’t waste what is holy on people who are unholy. Don’t throw your pearls to pigs! They will trample the pearls, then turn and attack you. **7** “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. **8** For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Luke 10:21 **21** At that same time Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, and he said, “O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way.

- Polite Dinner Guests

James 4:6 “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

Luke 1:53 He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands.

- The hunger isn't lying — the real is available

Ps 16:11 You will show me the way of life,
granting me the joy of your presence
and the pleasures of living with you forever.

- Seeking the Lord is active, not passive. Nobody accidentally becomes intimate with the Lord.

Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

- Love, yes; flesh and religion, no. Root me in love, not earning, not rules.
- A beautiful life, a credible life, a life of love.
- Developing bad doctrine in reaction to poor modelling of good doctrine.
- A fully Christian answer means giving a full answer - expressing why God's designs are beautiful, good, and true.
- My dream for Gateway
- Pay attention to the larger multi-year tracking of your life choices and the fruit they bear.
- Seeking the Lord vs Drifting somewhere else

Hebrews 2:1 So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it.