

We must take time to refill our spiritual vessel often and continually.

### Psalm 105:4

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#### POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. In the beginning God and man walked together in the Garden of Eden in the cool of the day.
  - a. Genesis 3:8a *And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day...*
  - b. Genesis 3:8b *... and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.*
  - c. Genesis 3:21 *Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.*
2. Reconciliation comes through the finished work of Christ on the cross.
  - a. John 6:44 (Jesus) *No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.*
  - b. 1 John 2:2 *And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*
3. A continuation of meeting with God happens when we make ourselves available.
  - a. **Psalm 105:4** *Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!*
  - b. God's face, His holy character, is often obscured by our human condition and fleshly desires.
4. Who initiates meeting with God?
  - a. James 4:6-8 *But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." 7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*
5. How do we approach meeting with God?
  - a. Psalm 24:3-6 *Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? 4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. 5 They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior. 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.*
6. The results of praying and seeking God's face turns into worship.
  - a. Psalm 63:1-3 *O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. 2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. 3 Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You.*

- b. Exodus 33:7-11 *Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass that everyone who sought the LORD went out to the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp. 8 So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, that all the people rose, and each man stood at his tent door and watched Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle. 9 And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses. 10 All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door. 11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.*
  - c. The **manifestation** of God's presence will move us to **worship**.
  - d. John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*
  - e. Acts 2:1-4 *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*
  - f. Exodus 33:14 (God said) *My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.*
7. Seeking God's face means **desiring** His **presence**—more than **anything** else He can give us.
- a. Numbers 6:24-26 *"The Lord bless you and keep you; 25 The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; 26 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."*