

## With All Your Heart

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**Jeremiah 29:13**, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

This may be a short verse, but it says a lot. I believe that it contains instruction, warning, and promise. To find God is more than just going to church and going through the motions of worship. There are many religions in the world today and each one thinks it has the truth and the others are in error. All kinds of conflicting doctrines are taught and some even say that you can live in sin and still go to heaven. To find the Lord and to know him as Lord and Savior is to walk as he walked, not in some worldly way.

When a person finds the Lord he will be a new creature. Sure, he will be in the same body but he will live a different life and have a different spirit. Before coming to Jesus the person is led by his own spirit and does what he wants, but after coming to the Lord he has the Holy Spirit to help guide him through life. No more will the flesh rule, but the life will be led by the Lord.

To seek the Lord is to look for his hand in life and to desire to know him. Someone said, "To see God's hand in everything is to see everything in his hand." The Christian

knows that God is over all and that there is nothing and no one who is not subject unto him. Those who believe in the Lord with true conviction are not worried about the things that worry the sinner. The Lord knows the thoughts of the heart and the believer is comfortable with the thought that he is that knowing about us.

True, God knows our faults, but he also knows how we try to serve him and to keep his commandments. If we seek him with all of our heart he knows that we are sorry when we fail in some thought, word, or deed. The Lord is not satisfied with a lukewarm heart and careless life. He said that if we would worship God we would worship in spirit and truth. If we go through some formal worship service and please ourselves then we will be rejected by God.

There are many kinds of worship in our world today, just as there were many kinds back in ancient times. Then there was only one way that was right and there is only one way that is right today. It is not enough that a person is serious about the way he worships and does it faithfully. He must worship in spirit and in truth. "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:23-24 So we

must worship with our whole heart, but at the same time we must worship in truth.

We know that whatever man does is less than perfect because his flesh and pride cause him to go astray. God could never be satisfied with man's attempts at worship and serving the Lord for there would be a multitude of various religions with no true worship. However we can see that even with the Lord telling mankind his will and what he wants man to do, man has still created a variety of man made religions with all the resulting confusion and false worship. If we want to know the truth then we must turn once again to the word of God.

Those who follow the counsel of God and seek him with all the heart will obey what he said and leave man's opinions and thoughts out of it. Only then can we have confidence in our lives as being what God will have us to do. The Pharisees took the law of God and added their own interpretation to it thinking that they were very pleasing to God. They, and the other groups, hated the Son of God and thought they were doing right in having him killed.

His will, or our own, as we go through this life. One leads to heaven and the other leads to an eternity without him. Look at how we worship and what we believe in the light of his word.

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I WILL SEND FOR HIM!

AND WHEN DAVID APPEARS BEFORE THE KING...

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