

GOD IS LOOKING FOR US

Ezekiel 34:11-12 ... "For thus says the Lord God: 'Indeed I myself will search for my sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock [of sheep] on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out my sheep [children of God] and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.'"

We referenced a verse from Ezekiel in our previous devotional, and do so again today because there are many lessons for us in this book. All my life I have heard preachers talk about finding God; how we should look for and find God to save us from our sins. However, it is silly to suggest that we need to look for God because he is everywhere; God is in our midst. God is not lost; we do not need to find him. Instead, God is looking and waiting for us. Obviously, God is not ignorant, blind or confused. He knows exactly where you and I are every moment of our lives. But where is your heart? To what or to whom are you devoted?

Many of God's people are scattered across the earth pursuing their own desires, their own plans, and their own goals and dreams. Some may even claim to be looking for God, but they are looking in all the wrong places such as false religions. Millions of God's created children are looking for pleasure in sin, sex, alcohol, and drugs, or through money. Millions more are looking for love in the arms of unbelievers or enemies of God. In the passage, "so I will seek out my sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day," God is referring to the darkness created by satan so he could entice you to turn away from God. Perhaps satan made his offer too tempting for you to refuse. Are you among the scattered? Are you under God's watchful eye, but pushing him away from any influence in your life?

Do not allow the shame of wandering or drifting away from God, to keep you from running back to him. No one is more forgiving than God. No one is more anxious for you to return to his embrace. Satan lies to you and says you have made too many mistakes and your sins are too great for God to forgive. Do not listen to him. Satan is a convicted criminal destined for hell. He must not be trusted. The Bible says he is the father of lies. God is waiting for you to return to him – or to give your life to him for the first time. Do not put it off. Your next breath, your next day, or your next week could be your last. The decision you make right now about God, could be the last decision you have a chance to make.

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