

You can have it too!

1 Chronicles 28:8-9

He will be found of thee!

Seek – to go in search of, to look for, to ask for, to endeavor to find by any means. This implies there is a desire.

Part 1:

God looks down from heaven on a daily basis to see if any are seeking him and notice what God consistently finds (Psalm 14:1-3, 10:4, 2 Chronicles 12:14, Isaiah 45:19). God desires to shew himself in a strong way towards those whose HEARTS, not doctrine, are perfect toward him (2 Chronicles 16:9).

If sin is in your life, God will hide himself from you and you won't find him (Hosea 5:4-6, 15). Until you deal with your sin, you won't find the Lord.

Look at Isaiah 48:15. The reason why God hides himself (Isaiah 59:1-2). God says he takes no pleasure in wickedness and evil will not dwell with him (Psalm 5:4) and that if you regard sin in your heart he will not hear you (Psalm 66:18). But praise God the Bible says Blessed are the PURE IN HEART, not doctrine, for they shall see God. Look at John 9:31.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all righteousness (1 John 1:9). Thank God for the blood of Jesus Christ!

When you seek God with all the heart you will find him (Deuteronomy 4:29, Jeremiah 29:13-14)

God wants you to seek him, in fact, your first purpose in life in to find God (Acts 17:24-27). We are told to seek his face continually (Psalm 105:4)

Part 2:

What did the great men that we read about in the Bible possess that caused them to have a great relationship with the Lord? It wasn't because they were sinless, it wasn't because they didn't commit bad sins. In fact some of the really great men committed the worse sins, but still had a great relationship with God. So what set's them apart from most of us? They really loved God and desired him.

*There flesh didn't always line up with their heart, but their heart was always in the right place! They had a right heart consistently towards God!

Job

When the pressure really got on, he kind of complained a little bit. Other than that, Job didn't really mess up that much from what we can see.

Here was Job's testimony before God. God said this man was a perfect and upright man, one that feared God and avoided evil. He was so concerned about his relationship

and his family's relationship with God that he would rise up early in the morning and offer burnt offerings to the Lord, one for each member of his family, just in case they may have sinned and cursed God in his heart. Now here is the key, **"THUS DID JOB CONTINUALLY"**

You know why God loved Job and had a great testimony before God? He did these things CONTINUALLY. There was a consistency to Job's walk. That's where it is at beloved. If you ever hope to have a great relationship with Jesus Christ you need to be consistent in your walk. You need to DO THESE THINGS continually.

Can you be perfect and upright? Can you fear God and avoid evil? Can you plead the blood of Christ over your family everyday? Can you ask God to cleanse you from secret faults everyday?

Anybody can possess these characteristics, but not everybody does. But it's possible.

Abraham

He was a liar and committed adultery by taking Hagar because God was taking too long to fulfill his promise. He wasn't that patient. Such were and are some of us: but what did Abraham possess that God liked: He believed God and he feared God and God knew his character that he would command his children to do what's right in the sight of the LORD. He loved God more than his son Isaac and was willing to sacrifice him to God.

Can you believe God? Can you fear God? Can you love God more than all things?

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David

David committed murder, adultery, and lied about it. Yet God says he was a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22, Psalm 27:8-9). He was a man that believed God, loved God, loved and delighted in God's word, feared God, was bothered by his sin against God.

Can you believe God? can you love God like David? Can you love and take delight in his word, and keep his word? Can you fear God? Can you have a broken heart and contrite spirit towards God because of your sin?

Anybody can possess these characteristics, but not everybody does. But it's possible.

Moses

He murdered an Egyptian, he disobeyed a direct order from God.

Yet God says about him he was the meekest man on the face of the earth (Numbers 12:3). He obeyed God, he believed God, he was faithful. He preached God's word. He stood in the gap between God and man. He interceded for others. He would rather see God take his name out of the book of life than to see Israel wiped out.

Can you be meek? Can you obey God? Can you believe God? Can you give God's word to the people? Can you be faithful? Can you stand between God and sinners and pray for them? Can you love people that much?

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Paul

He was a great murderer. He went out of his way to go into Christian homes to beat some and kill some. He was consenting unto the martyr Stephen's death. He rejected the will of the Holy Ghost at least three times and went to Jerusalem anyway.

But God counted him to be faithful. He loved Christ so much. He said I have given up everything that was gain to me that I might know Christ. He rejoiced in his sufferings. He preached God's word and was faithful to God's calling on his life. He was content being a free man or in the jailhouse. He would rather go to hell than see his nation go to hell.

Can you be faithful? Can you love Christ? Can you sacrifice what benefits you and can you sacrifice your reputation if it hinders you from knowing God? Can you rejoice in all things? Can you do what God tells you to do? Can you be content with your portion? Can you love others that much?

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Peter

Peter denied the Lord three times after spending 3 ½ years with the Lord every day and night. He didn't use his sword properly. He used his sword to hurt not to help. He rebuked Jesus Christ. He always was quick to speak and slow to listen and after the resurrection he went fishing when he should have been preaching.

You know what Jesus said of him? Jesus knew Peter loved Jesus more than the rest of his disciples. Though Peter made many mistakes, his heart was in the right place. Peter was part of Jesus' inner circle with James and John. Because Peter was holy? No. From what we can see from the Bible, Peter sinned more than the rest of the Apostles. Because he knew the Bible more than most? No. But Because he desired God and loved God and wanted more of God!

Can you love Jesus like Peter loved him? Even when you mess up can you still have your heart in the right place? Can you be zealous for the Lord like Peter? Anybody can possess these characteristics, but not everybody does. But it's possible.

You know what these men had that makes them unique? They all had a tremendous love and desire for God. They did what was right continually, and if they fell they got back up right away. They had great character and God even testified of that about them.

Conclusion:

Nevertheless, sin separates man and God. Even though these were some of the greatest men that ever lived, they too had sinned like the rest of us, and come short of the glory of God.

How is it that such great sinners can have such a great relationship with a Holy Almighty God?

There alone, standing all by himself is one Man, the Man Christ Jesus: who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens. There stands the only begotten Son of God, the Glory of the LORD, God manifest in the flesh,

the LORD JESUS CHRIST, who by himself purged our sins washing them away in whose own blood that after taking away our sins sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on High seeking the lost and SAVING ALL THOSE that come unto God by him.

It's all possible because of Jesus and his shed blood and glorious resurrection. That Bible says God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them. We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God for he made him to be sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

We all can thank our Saviour Jesus Christ for reconciling us back to God! It's all because of him!

You can have a great relationship with the Lord just like these men. It doesn't matter how much or how little you have sinned or what sins you may or may not have committed. Those things don't matter because the blood of Christ forgives and takes away ALL SIN. If it doesn't cleanse from all, it doesn't cleanse at all.

So what is required to have a good relationship with God? You just need to love God and you need to desire God and have a perfect heart towards God consistently and you will have a sweet relationship with God.

Matthew 7:7-8