

What Am I Seeking?

Hide and Seek

- God: Lk.13:6-9
- Satan: 1 Pt.5:8
- People: Jn.6:24
- Evil: Mt.2:13
- Good: Ac.17:27

What am I
seeking?

I. Some Pass

Man is looking...

- Jn.4:23
- Some seek wrong things
- Some seek nothing. Lk.18:35-42

I. Some Pass

II. Some Seek Pleasure

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Eccl.2:1-10

2 Tim.3:4

Ro.1:16

When pleasure dominates life,
people compromise morals

Hb.11:25

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III. Some Seek Popularity

Popularity leads to compromise

- Ph.2:21
- ‘Can’t be popular without going along.’
 - Mt.27:24
- Can’t be popular by going along.
- Preachers are tempted/threatened to go along
 - ‘Join us: think where you’ll be in few years?’
 - ‘Most brethren disagree with you.’ 2 Tim.4
 - ‘You don’t care what people think?’

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3 Jn.9-10

- Diotrephes would not recognize John's authority
- He 'loves to have the preeminence' [have a special interest in being in the lead; like to be a leader – even above apostles]

'Most men can stand adversity. If you want to test a man's character, give him power'

- King Saul

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V. Some Seek Possessions

Mt.6:19-21

- 1 K.2, Shimei
- 2 K.5, Gehazi
- Lk.12:15, rich
- Saul did not pursue money, power, and possessions until he received them as king. . .
 - For the rest of his life, they possessed him
- Judas saw Lord's miracles, heard His preaching, watched Him save people. . .then betrayed Him for 30 pieces of silver

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VI. Some Seek Pardon...

Some seek pardon...in the wrong way

- Jn.5:39, You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me
 - Jews searched diligently, but still lost
- Jn.6:26, Jesus answered them and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled
 - Sought right One...with wrong motive

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VII. Some Seek Peace

Cannot sleep because of conscience

- Bumper sticker: “I found it!”
- Ep.2:1...11-14
 - “He is our Peace”
- Sectarian conclusions –
 - ‘Jesus is the answer, so don’t preach baptism’
 - Cf.: Jesus is the answer, so don’t preach faith?
 - Jn.12:48
 - ‘We can have peace without being in church’
 - Ep.2:16f., in one body (1:22-23)

True peace

- Ph.4⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus
- How? V.4: rejoice in the Lord
 - If past sins hang over us . . . No peace
 - 1 Pt.3:21 – baptism is the request to God for a good conscience

Conclusion:

- Mt.6:31, do not worry... [minor matters]
- Mt.6:32, Gentiles seek after all these things
- Mt.6:33, disciples seek first the kingdom
- Lk.2:49, '...did you not know...?'
- Jn.1:35-36, John: 'Behold the Lamb of God!'
- Jn.1:37, two disciples heard ... followed Jesus
 - 'What are you seeking?'
 - Jn.20:30-31
 - Mt.13:45-46

What will a man give in
exchange for his soul? - Mt.16:26