

Hide and Seek

Isaiah 55:6-7

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Summary: Have you noticed the trend in our society of trying to hide from God? Indeed, our basic nature is to hide, but God's nature is to seek. And when God finds us He pours out His goodness upon us. As we examine this further we will consider the folly of hiding from God, the joy of being found by Him, and the wisdom of seeking Him, not only initially for salvation, but as a way of life.

1. A. What was good from the hand of God, and what went wrong?
Psalm 145:9-21, Genesis 2:8-3:8, John 3:19
- B. Based on what was just read, what was the cause of Adam and Eve wanting to hide from God? Can anyone ever really hide from God?
Psalm 94:7-9, Hebrews 4:13
- C. How often we forget that God is GOOD in all His ways, but interestingly, we think we have to hide. Are you trying to hide anything from God? Are you willing to admit that to Him and make it right?
Psalm 32:1-5, 1 John 1:8-9
2. A. It might be our own nature to hide, and yet it is the nature of God to seek us out. What do the following Scriptures tell us about God?
Jeremiah 31:3, Luke 19:10, John 3:16-17
- B. What are some other examples of God taking the initiative to bring sinners to a point of reconciliation with Himself?
Psalm 51:1-13, Malachi 3:1-6, Luke 23:33-43, John 21:15-17, 1 Timothy 1:1-2 & 12-16
- C. David, other Israelites, the thief on the cross, Peter and Paul were all wayward, clueless and full of their own sins, and yet look what the Lord did for them! And what He did for them, will He not surely do for you?
Psalm 103:10-14
3. A. What does it mean to turn towards God in order to seek Him out?
Isaiah 55:6-7, Hebrews 11:6
- B. Maybe you gathered from the Scriptures in 2A above that God fully intends to have an *eternal love relationship* with us. What does that suggest regarding the way we should respond to this, and go after Him?
Joshua 22:5, Romans 10:9-10, 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, James 4:3-8
- C. What are some practical things we can do to seek after God and what might we expect as a result?
Psalm 1:1-3, 62:5-8, 119:9-11, Romans 8:1-4, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18