

SEEKERS & WATCHERS

Friday, December 26

Reading: John 1:1-14

Isaiah 9:2 *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.*

*When I was a seeker
I sought both night and day
I sought the Lord to help me
And He showed me the way*

*He made me a watchman
Upon the city wall
And if I am a Christian
I am the least of all*

These two verses are often left out of hymn books. But they are steeped in Bible imagery. The Bible is full of commands the “seek the Lord.”

Psalm 27:4 One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in his temple.

Lamentations 3:25 The LORD is good to those whose hope is in Him,
to the one who seeks Him; 26 it is good to wait quietly for the salvation
of the LORD.

Isaiah 55:6 Seek the LORD while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.
7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the LORD, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God,
for He will freely pardon.

Matthew 7:7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the
door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

How are you seeking the Lord this Christmas season? Do you need to seek Him for salvation? Do you need to seek Him in some area of life you are struggling with? God’s Word promises that for those who truly seek Him, He will show them the way!

The next verse talks about a watchman on the wall. A watchman was charged with looking for approaching dangers and warning people about them. God had given this role to several of His prophets (see for example Ezekiel 3:17-21). We have been given the most important message ever given – a message that can save people – and it is our duty to warn people of God’s coming judgment on sin.

The last phrase of this verse echoes the words of Jesus in the gospels:

Matthew 20:16 “The last will be first, and the first will be last”

Luke 9:48 “For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest.”

This is backward from the world’s way of thinking! We are often self-centered and feel self-important. But to be like Jesus, we are to “do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4). That is the lesson of Christmas! Jesus gave us His all and wants us to follow His example and give ourselves for others.