

Psalm 53

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God often repeats Himself in Scripture, not necessarily because we are not listening, but to make sure we truly understand what He is looking for from His children. When we truly understand Him, we can obey Him, and live the full adventure of faith He has planned for us. Psalm 53 is an example of a repeat. David penned almost the same exact words in Psalm 14—a message worth repeating is a message worth heeding.

Place a bookmark in Psalm 53, and then turn to Psalm 14.

How are these two psalms different? _____

David says In Psalm 14:2, David says, “The Lord looks down,” and Psalm 53:2 he says, “God looks down.” So we see God represented in two different ways. He is Lord, Jehovah, in Psalm 14, representing the personal nature of God and His great power. Yet But in Psalm 53, He is God, Elohyim, representing the Creator of Heaven and Earth and the one, true God. The personal God and Creator God looks look down to see if *any* understand and seek Him.

Am I An *Any*?

Any is a pronoun in these verses. It is defined as an unspecified person or persons—anybody, or anyone. Can you picture this? Jehovah God, the Creator, looks down on the Earth that He created, at the people He created, desperately looking for anyone, anybody, any one person who understands and seeks Him. Can you hear Him say, “Anyone? Anybody?”

Any Who Understand

God was desperate to find anyone who has an understanding of the law and the divine and of spiritual things. In the day of David, obedience to the Law of Moses and the Ceremonial Law were paramount to receiving God’s blessing and favor. God could see from His throne that His people had forgotten their promise to do everything the Lord said.

Jesus’ death ~~to~~ released us from the Law (Rm.7:6), but God still searches for any who will obey Him and understand. How can we obey what we don’t understand? How do we understand what He wants us to know? Both are great and puzzling questions. The answer to the first question is found in Psalm 46 in our Bible.

Read Psalm 46:10.

How can we know God?

Be still? Who can really be still? Girls, we can, and we must. Finding joy in our faith adventure with God depends on being still. The liberty we are meant to experience, and the strength that ~~is~~ can be ours, on our being still. And we can be still—because the God who wants us to be still, created time for us to be still!

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1.

What did God create?

Do you have time to know and understand? In being still my friend, you can.

Any Who Seek

Read Jeremiah 29:13.

When we seek Him, what will we find?

How are we to seek Him?

God wants to be found. I love this thought! But this thought also challenges me. Personally, I do many things with all my heart. I am competitive at games. I put everything into mothering my children, caring for our home, and serving in ministry. Jeremiah 29:13 presents a challenging question: do I seek God with the same vigor and determination in which I seek other things in my life?

What do you seek with all your heart?

Several years ago, in an attempt to change the direction of my unhappy, happily-ever-after life, I began to spend time seeking God. Reflecting back on that season makes me chuckle, almost out loud. I had no idea *how* to seek God, nor did I realize what it meant. What I did know was that I was miserable, and I had tried other things—with all my heart—and got a zero return on my investment.

So I begin to pray a simple prayer: “Lord help me love you,” and then I added, “Satisfy me in the morning with your unfailing love that I might sing for joy and be glad all my days.” (Psalm 90:14) Do you know what He did? He answered me.

Read Hebrews 11:6.

What does God do for those who earnestly seek Him?

The blessings for those who are willing to be an “any” are too abundant to count. What if *everyone* would decide to be an *anyone*? I marvel at the prospect of what such a decision would have on me, and what God, our Creator, would see when He looked down on me.