

I Need Your Face! (Psalm 105)



- I. Praising God for his . . .
 - A. Incredible works in their Lives (105:1-6)
 - B. Faithfulness to His Word - ABRAHAMIC COVENANT (105:7-11)
 - C. Care in all Situations - hardships and victories (105:12-45)
 1. Presence [GENESIS 12-36] - the journey and covenant renewed with Isaac and Jacob (105:12-15)
 2. Provision [GENESIS 37-50] - the journey of Joseph to provide food during a famine (105:16-25)
 3. Protection [EXODUS 1-15] - the journey of Moses to guide his people to freedom (105:26-38)
 4. Promise Kept [EXODUS 16 - JOSHUA] - the journey of the people of Israel through the wilderness and entering the promised land under Joshua's leadership (105:39-45a)
- II. Final Response: Praise the Lord! (105:45b)

Question: How can we sharpen our focus on God's face to fully enjoy his presence in our lives?

1. Humble Ourselves

Psalm 18:27 - "For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down."

"Humility is the only soil in which grace takes root; the lack of humility is the sufficient explanation of every defect and failure. Humility is not so much a grace or virtue along with others; it is the root of all, because it alone takes the right attitude before God, and allows Him as God to do all." — Andrew Murray

2. Make Prayer a Passion (Crave his Presence)

Ephesians 6:18 - ". . . praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints."

*"There are parts of our calling, works of the Holy Spirit, and defeats of the darkness that will come no other way than through furious, fervent, faith-filled, unceasing prayer."
- Beth Moore*

3. Seek His Wisdom (4 outcomes)

II Timothy 3:16-17 - "All Scripture is breathed out by God (inspired word) and profitable for teaching (us truth), for reproof (convicting us of sin), for correction (putting us back on the right path), for training in righteousness (both inwardly and outwardly) ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (completeness s found in his face)"

4. Seek forgiveness and change our ways (repentance)

I John 1:9 - "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Repentance is not something God demands of you before He will take you back and which He could let you off if He chose; it is simply a description of what going back is like. - C.S. Lewis

. . . if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

II Chronicles 7:14

Discussion Questions:

1. In the list of how God cared for Israel in all situations which one do you relate to the most right now? Explain.
2. How would your life change if you worked on sharpening your focus on God's face?
3. Read Psalm 105:1-6 every day this week. Let it soak in and remind you of the incredible work God has done in your life. Also, call someone and remind them of how God is working in your life through them.