

3 To be a Christian is to be a seeker for face of Θ
King David

To be the Church is to be the seeking community
St. Augustine's sermons after fall of Rome

Call to seek Θ 's face + warning for those who
refuse

① Why seek Θ 's face

1. Personal Reason

- ☑ So much to fear // LORD is light and
salvation *Running through Woods, vs. 1*
- ☑ When evildoers, adversaries + foes assail //
they will stumble + fall *vs. 2*
- ☑ Though army encamp against me... war
arise against me // yet I will be
confident *David's troubles... my experience, vs 3*
- ☑ "Day of trouble" // he will hide me in his
shelter... conceal me in tent, lift me
high upon rock *vs. 5*
- ☑ Parents forsake, cast you off // Lord
will take you in *vs. 10*

Why? So much to fear! Contemporary fearfulness

Answer = Seeking Θ 's face gives courage, confidence + freedom from fear! Do you have that?

2. Social Reason Wait... Where do you see "social"? Seems strictly personal...

(1) The human division, alienation and antagonism that we see in this Psalm is a given, right?

(2) Psalms are "hymnbook" of Israel \blacktriangleright Church, create a community w. ONE Good, Love, Beauty *harmony when we sing*

(3) Don't miss the communal invitation "seek my face" (v. 8) and command "wait for the LORD" (v. 14)

\Rightarrow ONE GOOD, BEAUTY, LOVE is our only hope for unity, peace + harmony among humanity!

② What seeking Θ 's Face is

1. It is having ONE THING, one ultimate good, "chief end," beauty... that you seek "singleness of will"

Augustines "use" and "enjoy" distinction

2. It is Dwelling in the house of the LORD, v. 4
Gazing upon the beauty of the LORD, v. 5
Inquiring of the will of the LORD in his temple, 5

↖ Seeking the face of the LORD, v. 8
expansive, multifaceted, rich, lifelong...

③ Where do I seek Θ 's Face? Beauty?
Will? House?

Temple demolished, right? Where go now?

☰☰ New Testament = JESUS

Jesus is the Temple of Θ John 1:14

Jesus is the Beauty of Θ Hebrews 1:1-3

Jesus is the Face of Θ John 14:8-11

The Will of Θ is that you + I would
believe on Jesus John 6:29

Point Dwelling w. Jesus, seeking Jesus' face,
✳️ gazing on His beauty... frees you from
fear! Global Community, Past + Present

✳️ You are making a huge gamble to seek
something else as your ultimate good,
beauty + align yourself against this ONE!