



SEEK THE LORD



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INTRODUCTION


26 And He made from one [common origin, one source, one blood] all nations of men to settle on the face of the earth, having definitely determined [their] allotted periods of time and the fixed boundaries of their habitation (their settlements, lands, and abodes),

27 So that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after Him and find Him, although He is not far from each one of us.

Acts 17:26:27 AMPC

EVIDENCE

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

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- I. to seek in order to find
 1. to seek a thing
 2. to seek [in order to find out] by thinking, meditating, reasoning, to enquire into
 3. to seek after, seek for, aim at, strive after
 - II. to seek i.e. require, demand
 1. to crave, demand something from someone

b. to seek (i. e. in order to find out) by thinking, meditating, reasoning; to inquire into: **περί τίνος ζητεῖτε μετ' ἀλλήλων**; John 16:19; followed by indirect discourse, **πῶς, τί, τίνα**: Mark 11:18; Mark 14:1, 11; Luke 12:29; Luke 22:2; 1 Peter 5:8; **τόν Θεόν**, to follow up the traces of divine majesty and power, **Acts 17:27** (universally, to seek the knowledge of God, Wis. 1:1 Wis. 13:6; (Philo, monarch. i. § 5)).

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33 But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

Matthew 6:33 AMPC

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7 Keep on asking and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking [reverently] and [the door] will be opened to you.

8 For everyone who keeps on asking receives; and he who keeps on seeking finds; and to him who keeps on knocking, [the door] will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8 AMPC

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37 When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."

Mark 1:37 NRSV

SEEK AFTER

WE SEEK THE KINGDOM

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, **which a man found** and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a **merchant in search of** fine pearls; 46 **on finding** one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:44–45 NRSV

NO ONE SEEKS GOD?

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh
after God.

Romans 3:10–11

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

2 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Psalms 14:1–3

NO ONE CAN SEEK GOD?

Romans 3:11 Did NOT say No One CAN seek after God.

Examples of: No One CAN...

TOOLS

☞ Mat 5:36

Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst G1410 not make one hair white or black.

TOOLS

☞ Mat 6:24

No man can G1410 serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot G1410 serve God and mammon.

TOOLS

☞ Mat 6:27

Which of you by taking thought can G1410 add one cubit unto his stature?

TOOLS

☞ Mat 7:18

A good tree cannot G1410 bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

DEFINITION OF CAN

Romans 3:11 Did NOT say No One CAN seek after God.

KJV Translation Count — Total: 210x

The KJV translates Strong's G1410 in the following manner: can (could) (100x), cannot (with G3756) (45x), be able (37x), may (might) (18x), able (3x), miscellaneous (7x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I. to be able, have power whether by virtue of one's own ability and resources, or of a state of mind, or through favourable circumstances, or by permission of law or custom
- II. to be able to do something
- III. to be capable, strong and powerful

JESUS DRAWS

32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

John 12:32 NRSV

KJV Translation Count — Total: 8x

The KJV translates Strong's G1670 in the following manner: draw (8x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I. to draw, drag off
- II. metaph., to draw by inward power, lead, impel

Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

† ἑλκύω *helkýō*, hel-koo'-o; probably akin to G138; to drag (literally or figuratively): —draw. Compare G1667.

JESUS DRAWS

Example: The government wants to draw or impel people to register in their program. They make a public announcement that everyone who goes to the local government office and registers will receive \$100,000. The people who want it seek the office to receive it.

Jesus draws us by offering us ETERNAL LIFE. We seek after Him to receive it!

STRIVE TO ENTER

24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Luke 13:24 KJV

Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

ἀγωνίζομαι agōnízomai, ag-o-nid'-zom-ahee; from G73; to struggle, literally (to compete for a prize), figuratively (to contend with an adversary), or genitive case (to endeavor to accomplish something):—fight, labor fervently, strive.

4. to endeavor with strenuous zeal, strife, to obtain something; followed by an infinitive, Luke 13:24; **ὑπέρ τινος ἐν ταῖς προσευχαῖς, ἵνα**, Colossians 4:12.
[Compare: **ἀντ-, ἐπ-, κατ-, συν-αγωνίζομαι.**]

YOU SEEK THE LORD

5 He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the things of God; and as long as he sought (inquired of, yearned for) the Lord, God made him prosper. 2 Chronicles 26:5



3. seek deity in prayer and worship:

a. the true God (compare **דרש י' 3 בקש** Deuteronomy 4:29; Hosea 10:12; Amos 5:4, 6; Isaiah 9:12; Isaiah 31:1; Isaiah 55:6; Isaiah 58:2; Isaiah 65:10; Jeremiah 10:21; Jeremiah 29:13; Zephaniah 1:6; Lamentations 3:25; 1 Chronicles 16:11 (= Psalm 105:4) Psalm 28:9; 2 Chronicles 12:14; 2 Chronicles 14:3; 2 Chronicles 14:6; 2 Chronicles 15:2, 12; 16:12; 22:9; 26:5; Psalm 9:11; Psalm 22:27; Psalm 34:5; Psalm 34:11; Psalm 119:2; Psalm 119:10; **דרש (ה) אלהים** 2 Chronicles 19:3; 26:5; 30:19; Psalm 14:2 (= Psalm 53:3) Psalm 69:33; **אֲדַנִּי ד'** Psalm 77:3; with **ל'**, only in Chronicles, **ליהוה**, **לאֱלֹהִים** 1 Chronicles 22:19; 2 Chronicles 15:13; 20:3; Ezra 6:21; 2 Chronicles 17:4; 31:21; 34:3; Ezra 4:2; Dr^{Intr. 503} finds in Chronicles weakened meaning, *revere*.

CONCLUSION

BELIEVE WHAT YOU READ!

...the Lord is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him [inquiring for and of Him, craving Him as your soul's first necessity], He will be found by you; but if you [become indifferent and] forsake Him, He will forsake you.

2 Chronicles 15:2 AMPC