

Seek and Find

Jeremiah 29:10-14

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Introduction: God plays hide and seek. He hides himself from us and, at times, he seeks and finds us. If we seek and find him, we find joy and delight. If we seek stuff, we find idolatry and captivity – “empty cisterns”. Remember ... hide and seek!

1. *Hide and Seek in God's Economy!*

Captivity (darkness) 70-year yoke of bondage. Then:

- Call, come, pray
- Listen
- Seek and find
- Found by you
- Bring you back

2. *Hide and Seek in Man's Economy!*

- C.S. Lewis
- The fool has said, “There is no God”. (Psalm 14:1)

Response: God has a plan; it may include hiding so that we find him with all our heart! The darkness comes because of judgment, but, when we cry out, He hears, listens and we find Him!

Excerpts from “A Diary of Private Prayer”

First Morning: “My First Thought”

Eternal Father of my soul, let my first thought today be of You, let my first impulse be to worship You, let my first speech be Your name, let my first action be to kneel before you in prayer.

For Your perfect wisdom and perfect goodness:

For the love with which You love mankind:

For the love with which You love me:

For the great and mysterious opportunity of my life:

For the indwelling of Your Spirit in my heart:

For the seven-fold gifts of Your Spirit:

I praise and worship You, O Lord.

Yet let me not when this morning prayer is said ... think my worship ended and spend the day in forgetfulness of You. Rather, from these moments of quietness ... let light go forth, and joy, and power, that will remain with me through all the hours of the day;

Keeping me chaste in thought:

Keeping me temperate and truthful in speech:

Keeping me faithful and diligent in my work:

Keeping me humble in my estimation of myself:

Keeping me honorable and generous in my dealings with others:

Keeping me loyal to every hallowed memory of the past:

Keeping me mindful of my eternal destiny as a child of Yours.

Through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.