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What is God Seeking?

Jesus affirmed that the Father seeks to be ministered to (or worshiped) by His people. The Father wants to be worshiped in spirit and truth or in spiritual reality. He wants us to engage our spirit with the Holy Spirit when we worship Him. If we talk to Him, He will talk with us.

“True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
John 4:23-24

We must refuse to approach our worship sets in a “professional” way that only fulfills a duty. We set our heart to connect with the truths that we sing or speak in relationship with a real Person. The amazing simplicity is that talking to Him results in Him manifesting Himself to our heart. He is so generous and He delights to relate to us as our Father or Bridegroom. We must exert ourselves to take the reins of our mind in order to focus so that we actually talk to Him. If we do not do that, then our time in leading worship or sitting in the prayer room will burn us out.

Mary is a favorite when it comes to ministry to the Lord. A premier example of ministry to God is Mary of Bethany—Jesus twice affirmed her publicly for her unusual devotion or ministry to Him (Lk. 10:42; Mk. 14:6). Jesus made four points about her devotion (Lk. 10:42): it is the one thing needed, it is good, it must be chosen, and it can remain (not be taken). It is difficult to engage with God without feeding regularly on His Word.

“Mary... sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word... But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”
Luke 10:39-42

Mary took seriously her call to minister to God. To “waste” our musical talent, education, money, or good career opportunities is regarded by some as an unnecessary waste of one’s life.

“She broke the flask and poured it on His head. Some [apostles] were indignant... and said, “Why was this... oil wasted? It might have been sold for... 300 denarii [a year’s wages] and given to the poor.” They [apostles] criticized her sharply. Jesus said, “Let her alone...she has done a good work for Me... What this woman has done will be told as a memorial to her.”
Mark 14:3-9

How is your ministry to the Lord?