

Bible Class Notes – Motto Text 2022

This is Our Motto Text for 2022

This week – We see the advice which David gave to his son Solomon. – Seek the Lord, now.

“Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God” 1 Chronicles 22v19

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	1 Chronicles 22 (Solomon will build the Temple)	
Monday	Proverbs 8v1-17 (God says, “Seek Me and you will find Me”)	
Tuesday	John 6v26-40 (Many saw and heard Jesus, but still did not repent and believe on Him)	
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 5 (Become a New Creature in Christ)	
Thursday	Matthew 7v13-29 (Enter in at the straight gate)	
Friday	John 15v15-27 (Love Christ and keep His Words)	
Saturday	1 John 1 (Repent, confess, and be forgiven)	

Important Thought for us Today: Do You Make New Year Resolutions? Have you managed to keep them? We must admit that we fail to keep them because we have made them in our own strength, and very soon they lapse and are broken. It is good to be resolved to do the right thing, but we need the **resolve of faith** to keep our promise to God to be a Christian. Faith is the gracious gift of God, (**Ephesians 2v8**). This is the work of God The Holy Spirit, (**Ephesians 2v1**). It is He Who quickens us (to bring us alive to God through the New Birth), such that we can be resolved to hate our sin, turn from it, and repent: believing in the Saviour Who died on Calvary as our substitute. It is this gift of faith which causes us to take note of Christ calling us to seek and find Him and which enables us to exercise it to truly repent our sin and be saved.

Seek the Lord in prayer for His gift of Saving Faith.

Hymn 405, The prayer of a repentant sinner asking, ‘O God, be merciful to me’.

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| 1. HEAR, gracious God, a sinner’s cry! | 2. To Thee I come, a sinner poor, |
| For I have nowhere else to fly; | And wait for mercy at Thy door; |
| My only hope is found in Thee: | For, Lord, I’ve nowhere else to flee; |
| O God, be merciful to me! | O God, be merciful to me! |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible

King David advises his son, Solomon, to seek the LORD.

• Why Should We Seek The Lord?

- **We need His forgiveness.** God is holy; heaven is holy; no sin in Heaven. He is the only One Who can forgive our sins, the only One Who can save us by washing our souls clean.
- **We need reconciliation to God.** We are at war with Him and need to make peace with Him by surrendering to Him. If we do not, we will one day face His judgement.
- **He has called us to seek Him.** He would be perfectly just to leave us to our sin and to face the judgement we deserve. But He loves us and mercifully offers us free forgiveness.

How foolish we are if we ignore His gracious call!

- **We are separated from Him by our sin.** Like an impassable mountain range, a great barrier between us and the Lord. **We cannot seek and find God unless our sin is removed.**

• How Are We To Seek The Lord?

- **We must sincerely set our heart and soul to seek Him and be: -**
 - **Humble** – like the sinful woman who poured precious perfume on Jesus’ feet, washing them with her tears and drying them with her hair. (**Luke 7v37-39**).
 - **Whole-hearted** - not easily distracted by our friends or the entertainments around us, as pictured by the seed sown which grew, but was choked by thorns. (**Matthew 13v3-9**)
 - **Determined** – like Zacchaeus, who climbed a tree to see the Saviour (**Luke 19v1-10**); or like the woman with the demon-possessed daughter, who asked for the Lord’s help and persisted in asking until she obtained it. (**Matthew 15.21-28**).

• Where Are We To Seek The Lord?

- **The Lord has given us the Bible** which shows us where we must go to seek and find Him. **It tells us there is only one place where we can find the Lord.** At the Cross. When the Lord Jesus died at Calvary, He suffered in the place of all who will trust Him.

This is the only way by which our sins may be forgiven. (See John 14v6).

- **But how can we go to the Cross?** By prayer. We must hate our sin, and confess them to God, with great shame and sadness for having wilfully offended Him so many times. We must put our trust in the Lord Jesus alone to forgive us and save us from our sins.

We must earnestly plead with Him to do this for us. (1 John 1v9). He will hear and answer.

• When and Why Are We To Seek The Lord?

- **Now, without delay, remembering Who He is** - Our Creator, Our rightful King, Our Judge.

• Will I Find The Lord? Can I be confident He will hear me and answer?

- **Yes!** This is the sure and certain promise of God. (**Proverbs 8.17**).

We need the Lord’s forgiveness and mercy, so go to Him today, sincerely repenting of your sins, trusting in the Saviour’s death and resurrection.

The Apostle John wrote, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1v9