

# SUNDAY FAITH DEVELOPMENT INTRODUCTORY REVIEW

March 25, 2018

## *Seeking His Face*

II Chronicles 7:1-12-22

### LESSON OUTLINE

1. II Chronicles 7:12-18 – THE BLESSINGS OF SEEKING GOD’S FACE
2. II Chronicles 7:19-22 – THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT SEEKING GOD’S FACE

Last week we studied Worshipping in God’s Temple taken from II Chronicles Chapter 7. The lesson expositor for The Bible Expositor and Illuminator concluded the lesson saying, *“Our word “worship” ...means telling God what He is worth to us. Our worship of the Lord has to be informed by the Bible, which tells us that He is of supreme worth. He is the Creator and Sustainer...He is willing to save us from our sins, govern and guide our lives, and eventually bring us to heaven to live with Him in perfect love, harmony, and beauty...Because we can approach Him in prayer, we can worship Him with all our lives and with every breath we take...”*

Solomon prayed to the Lord, the Temple has been dedicated and the people have worshipped in God’s Temple. Now Solomon called an end to the festivals over and asked all to return to homes. They went with hearts of joy and gladness as they remembered what God had done for David, Solomon and the people of Israel. After twenty years of building the Lord’s House and the king’s house were both complete. II Chronicles 7:11b says, *“...Solomon successfully accomplished all that came into his heart to make in the house of the LORD and in his own house.”*

Our lesson today is Seeking His Face. Dictionary.com defines the word seeking as, *“to go in search or quest of; to try to find or discover by searching or questioning; to try to obtain.”* Does this title mean that we should be looking to see God’s face? Since we know that God is Spirit and not flesh, there is no human face to seek. Biblegateway.com says this is, *“a term used to refer to the character of God, especially his favour towards his people...To seek the face of God is to seek his favour.”* Google.com says that, *“Seeking the Lord means seeking his presence. “Presence” is a common translation of the Hebrew word “face...this is the Hebraic way of having access to God...”* It is to desire a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior. The songwriter says, *“Just to be Close to You.”* Our prayer is that God will give us the desires of our heart.

Our lesson picks up in II Chronicles 7:12. May the Holy Spirit speak through our teacher as we study the lesson, Seeking His Face.