

# Seeking God

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## AS THE DEER

As the deer panteth for the water,  
So my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.

You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and you are my brother  
Even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything.

Chorus

I want You more than gold or silver;  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver,  
And the apple of my eye.

Chorus

# Definitions

- Seeking: finding, searching
  - Never knew Him
    - The emptiness inside
  - Once knew Him
    - Sense of loss of His presence: feel His absence
      - Ichabod: 1 Sam 4:21
  - Still know Him
    - Seeking an increase as in knowledge
    - Hungering and thirsting for more
    - God Chasers

# Never Knew Him

- Only Jesus can Satisfy
  - Matt 11:28-30
  - Weary and heavy-laden with sin
    - Drunkenness, immorality, lying
    - Worldliness, gambling, malice, envy
    - ... Rev 21:8; Gal 5:19
    - Are you 'born again' and yet these are in you?
      - Hating exco & leadership
  - Jesus Satisfies !
  - Rest by repentance
    - Rom 10:9-11

# Once Knew Him

- Sense of loss of His presence
  - feel His absence
  - The Glory has departed. Ichabod: 1 Sam 4:21
- Having an appearance of His presence
  - Made up: not real; gimmicks
  - Judges 16:17-21
- The Old Prophet
  - 1 kings 13:1-11-31

# Still Know Him

- Hungering and thirsting for more
  - Not contented with the status quo
    - Too many contented with occasional feel of His presence
      - Increased feel-good factor
        - Good music; orderliness; entertainment
- Seeking an increase as in knowledge
- God Chasers
  - Ready to see God break down their ‘perfect’ organisation; impose His perfect disorganisation
    - (drunkard can’t get help in church)

# Seeking Him

- Destroy your contentment with your present state
  - His power should be made manifest
  - Our shadows and handkerchiefs can yet heal again
    - acts 5:15; Acts 19:11-12
- If great things happen, people will show up
- They know where we were and know where we are so we are seen as in decline
  - John 14:11-14; John 16:22-25
  - Who would invest his money in a company in decline
- The latter house should be greater

# Close

- Dilligent seeking
  - Heb 11:6; 1 chr 28:9; Psa 119:10; Jer 29:13
- My will discarded for His will
- Repentance before revival
  - Lay down all that offend
    - Seduction in the church; lying; all unrighteousness
    - Ex 20:26
  - Do not degenerate with the world
    - Rom 12:2
- Holiness essential
- When we have set our hearts to do all that God wants they we will see His presence