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Acts 17:26-27, *“And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;”*

Do not believe for even a second that He cannot be found. Remember, He loves you so much that He sent His Son to die for you (John 3:16). The quest for God is not a waste of time. It is the way to forgiveness of sins, it is the way to adoption into His family, and it is the way to heaven.

In the end, the trials that Job went through proved him to be righteous and his friends were shown to be lacking. Job was blessed even more than when he had started.

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“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” -Psalm 119:105



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Searching for God

It is astonishing to think how Job must have felt! One day he seemed to have everything, then suddenly everything was taken away. He lost his family, his wealth, his health, and he even became alienated from his wife and friends.

Job had a lot of doubts, questions and concerns about what had happened. As he was struggling with what had taken place and before God finally revealed Himself to him, he said, *“If only I knew where to find him; if only I could go to his dwelling! 4 I would state my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. 5 I would find out what he would answer me, and consider what he would say.” Job 23:3-5*

Many people would say that Job was foolish to think that he could ever find God. No, we aren't going to be able to knock on God's physical door but the Bible presents the case that “we can” find Him!

Heb. 11:6, *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”*

Matt. 6:33, *“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.”*

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The Right Source

In the early 1830s, a Frenchman named Alexis de Tocqueville traveled the United States, trying to discover what made this new country work. One of his observations was that he found a copy of the Bible and a volume of Shakespeare in nearly all frontier cabins he visited.

That sure could not be said today in most homes. The focal point of today's homes would likely be a television set and a Playstation 3.

Television can never replace God's Word in what it can do for us. If it is viewed as the best source of knowledge, then we need to take stock of our foundation for information.

Several times during His ministry when Jesus was questioned, He challenged His critics by asking if they had read the Old Testament.

When the Pharisees accused Him of breaking the Sabbath by plucking heads of grain to eat, Jesus asked, *"Have you not read what David did when he was hungry?"* (Mt. 12:3).

When the Pharisees asked Jesus if it was lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause at all (Matt. 19:4), He said, *"Have you not read..."* He reiterated what God had said in the beginning.

The Sadducees came to Jesus asking about a woman whose husband had died. She then married his brother. He died and she married another brother. This continued 7 times until she died. *"Whose wife will she be in the resurrection?"* they asked. Jesus said, *"But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead but of the living"* (Matt. 22:31-32).

Jesus expects people to come to their conclusions based on the right source of truth: the Word of God.

The question for us, then, is this: **Are we spending our time with the right source?**

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Deadline

There is always some kind of deadline we are facing: Bills must be paid, licenses renewed, tax returns filed, projects at work, etc. The list goes on and on.

Another deadline we all face is not often thought about, yet towers over every other one. The Bible says, *"It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment"* (Heb. 9:27).

Except for those living when Jesus returns (I Thess. 4:16-17), everyone will die. All people from the very beginning of history will stand before God in judgment. Can we not see how foolish it would be to neglect the preparation necessary for this expected appointment?

In Luke 12, Jesus told a parable of a rich man who planned to build bigger barns to store all his earthly goods so that he could live out his days in pleasure and ease. But God unexpectedly announced, *"You Fool! This very night your soul is required of you and now who will own what you have prepared?"* (Luke 12:20). His most important deadline had arrived.

If you have not prepared for the judgment, no one can do it for you.

Are you ready to meet God? With all the time put into physical preparations, could it not be said to us, *"Now who will own what you have prepared!"* If you have not prepared for the judgment, no one can do it for you. You can't give it to your secretary or hire it out. It is up to you and me! Only by being prepared can we face life's final deadline with confidence!

Luke 12:21, *"So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."*

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God's Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ Believe the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ Repent of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ Confess Faith in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ Be Baptized in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ Be Faithful until/ unto Death (Rev. 2:10)