

## *Seeking, Worshipping, Praising, Thanksgiving, and More...*

We use many words to describe the joyful experience of seeking God: longing, yearning, pursuing, desiring after, searching after, craving for, even burning with desire for Him.

Appreciating this particular emphasis of our relationship with the Lord mustn't deprive us of appreciation for other expressions.

There was a time when I tended, in expressing my relationship with the Lord, to think and speak almost exclusively in terms of worshipping God. Worshipping is expressing our appreciation of God for all the perfections that He is. Other words I use for worship are adoring, honoring, glorifying, exalting, uplifting, magnifying, extolling, and revering God.

And I add to these words that describe His names and characteristics or attributes such as omniscience, omnipotence, omnipresence, eternity and infinity. Also word pictures: shepherd, door, way, word, bread of life, water of life, rock, citadel, fortress, and on.

I continue using these with great benefit daily especially in times of sleeplessness, quiet times, and just when I turn to Him throughout the day. I'm sure I always shall.

I have found much help for many years in quietly, peacefully, seeking to rest in the Lord, frequently without words, in the silence of solitude.

There are still other emphases we may find encouraging in our walk with God, some more helpful to us at one time, and others at other times.

Still none are able adequately to describe the fullness of the possibilities of our relationship with our God, infinite and eternal.

Some people prefer praising God for who He is and what He does.

Others have emphasized waiting on God. Andrew Murray has a wonderful little book of that title.

And the list goes on. The most basic probably is trusting God, then giving thanks, hoping in God, rejoicing in God, coming to Him, looking to Him, listening to Him, receiving from Him.

We fellowship and commune with God . . . It's Love. Not just our love to Him, but far more importantly, His love for us.

Use your concordance or Nave's Topical Bible. Look up the scriptures, and be blessed. Start with Matthew 11:28,29: "Come unto me all ye that labor."

